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*Out of the shadows
of night
the world rolls
into light;
It is daybreak everywhere.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
(1807-1882)









*To him whose
elastic and vigorous
thought keeps pace
with the sun,
the day is a
perpetual morning.*

Henry David Thoreau
(1817-1862)

*What is food
to one man
may be
fierce poison
to others.*

Lucretius
(95-55B.C.)







STUDENT LIFE



*There are all those early
memories; one cannot get
another set; one has only
those.*

Willa Sibert Cather

(1876-1947)

Juniors took many Homecoming Honors

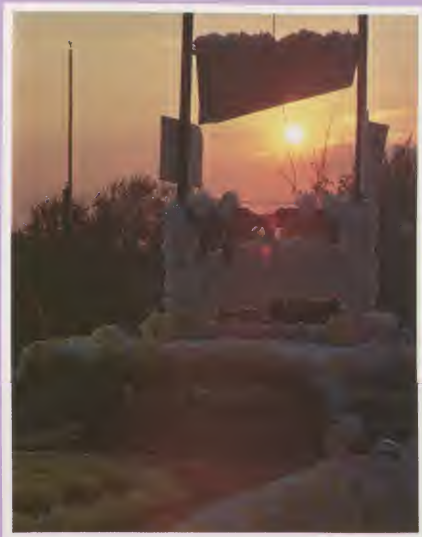
The three days of events of homecoming proved to be a great success once again. On Thursday, October 22, the parade began at 5:00 a.m. Following this, the evening polo game started at 7:30. After the game at about 9:00 the bonfire was ignited.

The competition between the classes began with the boys. The Sophomores beat Grange and Varsity beat the Devils. They won second place. The Junior girls "MHS Pirates" will make the first boats fall into the jaws of Deibel" took first place. The Senior boys team was "Declaration of Victory." Seniors took third place.

In the first powder puff game, the Sophomores took on the Juniors. Juniors winning in overtime. The second game watched the sophomore girls and the Seniors. Again in overtime Juniors defeated the Seniors.

Romantic scenes were found at the bonfire. The bonfire ended about 10:30 when people went home to prepare for the next day.

The three days added to the overall success of homecoming. Merit was won 74-72.



The sun sets on the French Club float at the close of the homecoming parade.

The juniors kept up their reputation as they took first place again.



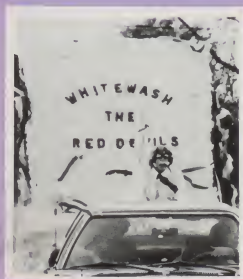
The theme of this French float was "Declaration of Victory."





Dan Feltz and Jenny Broadway were busy on last minute signs as Kathy Candiano and Sherry Tournay stand by.

Sophomores first year turned out well with a second place.



The victorious Juniors show their happy press as they win powder puff.

Many romantic scenes were seen at the bonfire.



The four girls show their happiness at being nominated for Homecoming queen.

Homecoming candidates right to left are Donna Smar, Denise Masza, Brenda Storey and Candy Haberkey.





At the Homecoming dance, Dan Kuzma holds the football after officially being announced "Mr. Football 1975."

The theme of this years Homecoming dance was "Reflections of Yesteryear." Midwest Fox provided entertainment for the evening.

Seniors Dan Kuzma and Candy Haberkorn reigned during the Homecoming festivities.

Preparations for the Homecoming festivities were headed by Mrs. Schmidt and several committees.



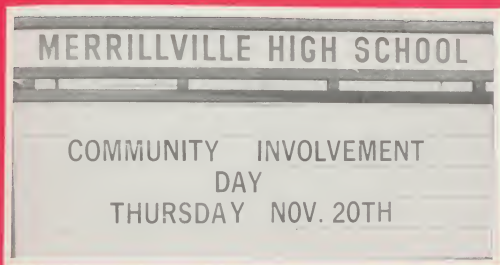
John Zorich gives Candy a look of approval after being crowned queen by Debbie Henrichs.

Below: Brenda Storey, Candy Haberkorn, Denise Massa, and Donna Smar are the queen candidates.



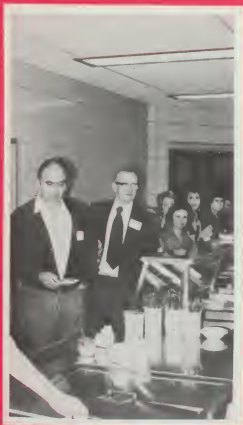
Left: Dianne Moore escorts her date, Jim Brooks, onto the dance floor.

Above: Evay Andreatos is the first to taste and see what is in the punch this year.



The school marquee informs everyone of Merrillville High School's third annual Community In-

volvement Day, which proved again to be a great success.



The adults show various expressions as they move through the cafeteria line selecting their lunch.



Mrs. Jeanette Bartolomei displays her gymnastic abilities as she participates in the physical education class.

Merrillville High School held its third Community Involvement Day for parents and adults of the Merrillville High School community. Students were allowed to exchange with an adult for their complete school day.

Adults appeared to blend in with the regular student body at a much higher percentage than in previous years. Upon their arrival, many adults, so bewildered and anxious, overlooked such simple habits as turning off their car lights. Blue jeans seemed to have been an increasing fad among the young-hearted adults. There were also the usual parents who were taken by surprise while trying to "catch a smoke" in some unsuspected place around the school. One man who was caught ditching his class said that he simply refused to go to a cooking class no matter what they did to him.

As three o'clock came around the adults showed a relieved look on their faces as they turned from their lockers and started for home.



Mr. Semokalis tutors a confused adult on the lesson of the day.

Sophomores

made it

"Cheaper"

After hours of rehearsals, tons of make-up, and opening night jitters, the Sophomore's first production, "Cheaper by the Dozen," proved itself a success.

Surrounded by the cast members was the hard work of students who spent several evenings preparing the set, primarily a living room, during the 1920's.

Their play, chosen and directed by Mr. Joseph Morrow, was held in early November. The student director was Toni Jimenez.

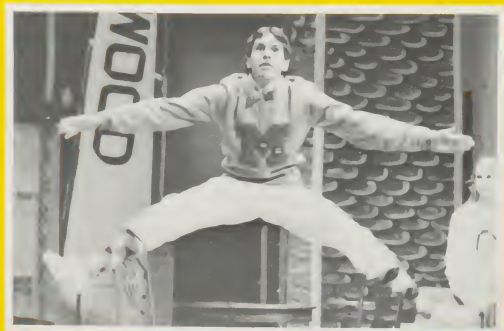
A family of 13, with all of their problems and arguments turned into one big happy family as the curtain fell and applause filled the auditorium.



ROW 1: Jean Sharp, Mike Carniello, Mike Psimos. ROW 2: George Nicholas, Doug Zale, Helen Ceko, Rich Rongers. ROW 3: Toni Jimenez, Debbie Irons, Dale Tucker, Dennis Ma-

louhos, Allison Peddicord, Darci VanMeter, Bridget Hamang, Terry Stanton, Jerry Herzog, Chris Harper, Mark Wilkins, Belinda Boswell, Mr. Morrow

Mrs. Earnestine Carey Belinda Boswell
Mr. Frank Gilbreth, Jr. Mark Wilkins
Mr. Gilbreth Doug Zale
Martha Chris Harper
Anne Allison Peddicord
Bill Mike Carniello
Fred Jerry Herzog
Lillian Jean Sharpe
Dan Rich Rongers
Jackie Mike Psimos
Young Frank Dale Tucker
Earnestine Bridget Hamang
Mrs. Gilbreth Helen Ceko
Maid Debbie Irons
Dr. Burton Terry Stanton
Joe Scales George Nicholas
Miss Brill Darci VanMeter
Larry Dennis Malouhos
Student Director Toni Jimenez
Director Mr. Morrow



Joe Scales performs a jump as he presents a cheer to Earnestine.

Frank and Earnestine discuss old memories of childhood happenings.





Father demonstrates to the family how to take a bath in the most time-saving manner

The children perform a going away skit for their father.



Larry asks Ann why the street in front of her house was covered with glass.

Ann's brother mimic kisses to her while she talks to her boyfriend on the phone.



Concerts ushered in the holidays

The Christmas Concert was held before the public two evenings and one school day; half the school going fifth hour and the rest going sixth. The band, pianists, Girls Glee, Concert Choir, and Vocalteens performed. The pom pon girls also performed in the evening shows. They dressed as elves, soldiers, toys, and dancers.

The Christmas Concert was an overall success to help begin the holiday season.



Mike Cloyd (left) acted as commentator for the evenings.

The Girls Glee joins the Concert Choir in the Hallelujah Chorus at the closing.



The Vocalteens, dressed in winter clothes, sang a selection of winter songs.



Pom Pon girls dressed as soldiers add their entertainment to the concert.

The girls glee club sang several hymns in their portion of the program.



Students took over Merrillville schools

The second annual Student Government day took place Jan. 12, 1976. The students occupied many of the administrative positions of the Merrillville Community School Corporation.

Student council members conducted extensive interviews, after which they selected approximately 60 students to fill the various positions. These positions consisted of anywhere from the superintendent of schools to the janitors. Seniors had priority over Juniors and Sophomores since this would be their last year.

The day proved to be educational and enjoyable for all who took part in it.



ABOVE: Athletic Director, Larry Liddle's position was filled by Cathy Galatis, who is a generally active athlete.



ABOVE: Mopping up the floors proved to be fun, as Laura Rudolph and Jenny Broadway played janitors for the day.



ABOVE: Answering the phone was one of the many responsibilities of Lynn Poss, who replaced secretary, Mrs. Barkley



BELOW: Ready to discipline any misbehaving students, is Randy Rubin, who substituted for Assistant Principal, Mr. Stone.

Juniors

displayed

Most Spirit

Spirit week returned this year after a one year absence which was due to construction in the halls. The spirit week class activities pertained to the class themes of 1950's for sophomores, Storybook Characters for juniors, and Wizard of Oz for seniors. Halls were decorated on Monday of spirit week. A student-faculty basketball game was played preceding purple and white day which saw the Pirate varsity win the conference championship. Juniors were declared winners of spirit week for displaying the most spirit during the week.

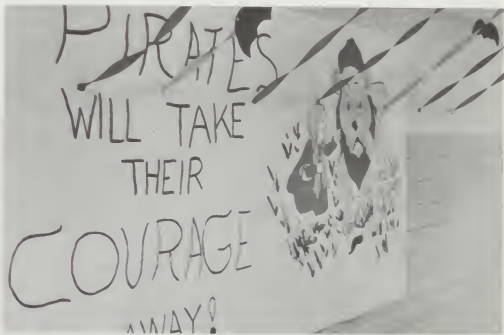


Mr. Yeoman lunges to prevent senior Marty Lipke from shooting as Mr. Nesper moves to keep Kurt Martin from getting up. The students won the renewal of the student faculty game 32-19.



The shop area became Geppetto's workshop in the juniors hall during spirit week.

The senior hall was a yellow brick road which the pirates traveled to victory.



Sharing the spirit of the juniors by dressing for the storybook characters theme are: Paula Mam-

mas, Heidi Kemperle, Cathy Curtis, Shirley Tucker, and Lori Adams.

FTA Turned Tables at Turn-about



Crystal Dreams was the theme of the annual Turn-about dance, held January 24. FTA prepared the entire evening by decorating the cafeteria, making favors, and providing refreshments and homemade pastries. Their sponsor, Mrs. Calendar, along with her husband, acted as chaperons for the evening. The band, "Wet Sunday", entertained the girls and their dates at this annual girls ask guys dance.

LEFT: Cathy Polaski and Bill Rathjen painstakingly search for their names on one of the favors.

BELOW: Robin Kemp and her date leave the dance to finish enjoying the evening.



LEFT: With a puzzled look on her face, Senior, Kim Fox, tries to think of how she will go about placing the star-studded streamers across the ceiling in preparation for the oncoming evening.

Thespian Troupe Entertained with "That's Entertainment"

The Merrillville Thespian Troupe 1692 presented Revue '76 That's Entertainment in two 3 hour showings.

The wide variety of acts included piano and vocal solos, duets, a pantomime, Our Gang Comedy scetches, and lots of other surprises.

Thespian sponsor Mr. Morrow, assisted by student director Jim Waters, combined their creative ideas to make the show "better than ever."

Sheree Sarko, best described as "the delightful little Edith-Ann", served as master of ceremonies for the evening. She performed her hilarious an-

tics from a swing built for her by the stagecraft class.

The Our Gang traveling acting group performed skits from the Carol Burnet Show, winning the audience approval.

Vocal solos were presented with Doug Zale and Mike Downey singing a duet, accompanied by their guitars. Julie Klaus demonstrated the art of cheating through her original pantomime. Piano selections were presented in ragtime and modern melodies. Song and dance routines also highlighted the show.



Taking a break from their janitorial duties, the "guys" (left to right) Terri Jiminez, Toni Jiminez, Pat Haymes, and Kathy Klepack sing along with



Liz Radokavich cuddles up to Jim Waters, asking him to take her back to civilization, as her husband, Mike Cloyd, sneaks up on her.



Rich Rongers, a TV commercial sponsor, points out to Sue Kujaca and Vanessa Brasich that they

have been taped by a camera hidden in the jelly donuts.



the radio the hit song "Shaboom" to Evey Andreatos.



Carefully watching her footting, Sonny, alis Mike Cloyd, tries to pick up a few pointers from "Cherie" Sarko.



Thesplan president Sheree Sarko portrayed the Lilly Tomlin character Edith-Ann, while acting as master of ceremonies for the Revue '76.



Thesplan members listen to Mr. Morrow give directions for the overture and finale. The comedy and tragedy masks which were used in both

numbers were built by the stagecrew with assistance from stagecraft classes.

Juniors-Seniors "Asked Any Girl"

The Juniors and Seniors combined their talents to stage the final 1975-1976 school year play, "Ask Any Girl".

The play centered around a small town girl, Meg Wheeler, played by Sheree Sarko, who moves to New York in hopes of finding a good job and an eligible bachelor. After arriving at the girls' hotel, where she was to stay, the other girls told her her ambitions were hopeless. Ignoring their comments, she instantly found a job working for Doughton Brothers and proceeded to date Miles Doughton, Mike Cloyd, a man most popular with the ladies.

She consulted Evan Doughton, James Waters, for a plan to help her win Miles' love. Motivation research became their strategy. After combining the most desirable traits of each of his twelve other sweethearts, she completed her goal. Miles asked for her hand in marriage. But motivation research backfired; Meg ended up marrying Evan.

Teri Jimenez, student director, assisted Mrs. Kathryn Schmidt, director, in producing the play.



Meg's family anxiously reads the letter from her telling of her new job and boyfriend.

Jeannie meets a man from Iowa, but he's not exactly the New York City type she wants.



Miles Doughton finds the new girl in town and wants her to fill the position in his office.

Meg's Mother and her two aunts show their concern for Meg as they gather around the phone when she calls.



After Meg reads Evan's article on motivation research she talks to Evan about using this method to get to Mile's heart.

Miles Doughton expresses his approval of the "new" Meg and decides this is the girl he really wants to marry.



Meg and Evan worked hard to get Meg to be the only girl in Mile's life.



Cast of "Ask Any Girl" (Left to Right) Front Row: Linda Jackson, Shirley Tucker, Terri Jimenez, Mrs. Kathryn Schmidt, director, Debbie Johnson, Nancy Lazart, Second Row: Jo Ellen Tombers, Evey Andreatos, Jim Waters, Sheree Sarko, Mike

Cloyd, Sue Kujaca, Back Row: Mike Hemmes, Tammy Kirby, Mark Reinhart, Vanessa Brasich, Pat Haymes, George Pheanis, Ed Mitro, Julie Claus, Sue Wirtes.

Prom had "Precious Moments"

The selected theme of the 1976 prom was Precious Moments. It was held at the Greek Hall as in previous years followed by a few quick changes to accommodate post prom shortly afterwards.

The coronation took place at about 11:00 p.m., announcing Gary Matykiewicz and Laurie Hancock the royalties of the evening. They then,

along with their court, led the Grand March as the remaining guests gradually joined in.

Mrs. Bothwell along with several committees planned and prepared the tickets, decorations, refreshments, and entertainment for the prom. The PTO prepared the entire Post Prom including food and entertainment.



King Gary Matykiewicz along with Queen Laurie Hancock proudly leads the Grand March which traditionally ends prom celebrations for the evening.



Mike Rusak and Janet Hansen dance to music by Moonglow.

Lynn Poss and Ken Nahod give the photographer a smile of approval after their post-prom dinner.





Gail Bubas and Cathy Curtis listen attentively as Rick Jelesky tells the evening plans, and Greg Hanas checks to see if the punch is spiked. Seniors Mark Biane and Chris Souronis (above right) dance to the final dance of the prom.



Prom Court (below) left to right: Julie Klaus, Leon Hurlburt, Nancy Pettel, Ron Bova, Laurie Hancock, Gary Matykiewicz, Thersa Hansen, and Woody Melcher. Not pictured Debbie Kirk and Chris Hart.



Precious Moments was the prom theme chosen by Laurie Hancock.



ACADEMICS



*Educational Relations make
the strongest tie.*

Cecil John Rhodes

(1853-1902)

Remodeled Shops Became Best in the State

When a student at Merrillville enters an industrial arts course there is a great amount of "hands-on" activity because of the amount and variety of equipment available for use.

All five shop classes this year acquired new up-dated equipment. The tables in the drafting class were designed by Mr. Semokaitis exclusively for Merrillville high school.

Merrillville was the first high school in the nation to have the Sun Diagnostic Computer in their auto shop class.

Next year a course in General Metals and Graphic Arts will be added. In the near future a Plastics class will also be offered.



Ron Jamrose draws on a new drafting table designed by Mr. Semokaitis for Merrillville students. Rudy Kapitan (right) works on the metal lathe during shop class.





Mr. Novak (left) shows Ken Haussman the correct clearance of a drill bit by the new tool cabinet. Senior Dave Specht (above) works on a small engine during power mechanics.



Senior Ken Nahod (above) surfaces a board on the new Oliver 24 inch Sur-facer. Mr. Ward (below) displays some of the new tools in the power mechanics shop.



Junior Linda Olejniczak rips a board on the new 14 inch Oliver table saw.

Business courses offered alternatives to college

This year the business department received all new updated equipment and furniture. The typing laboratory was equipped with brand new electric typewriters while the beginning typing classes received new manual typewriters.

In addition, four electronic printing calculators and two display electronic calculators and a new ink duplicator were added.

Also installed was a wireless console lab with individual student headsets and control boxes, enabling students to take dictation from tapes at varying speeds according to the individual abilities.

To enrich the classes an outside speaker was brought in to speak about work as a legal secretary. Demonstrations of the memory typewriter were given by an IBM representative to the advanced typing students.

Plans for the addition of a course in communication next year to assist the employee in the business world with the composing of memos and letters are being made.



Carol Papp in 2nd year typing is unaware of photographer as she finishes her assignment.



Cristine Kruzan watches her 4th year typing book intently as she gets ready for a time writing.



Students in typing get ready to listen to the new dictaphone and take dictation.



Janet Hansen nodded out during an interesting discussion in her accounting class.

Rennovated Home Ec area took on new appearances

Foods and clothing rooms have been completely remodeled. New electrical equipment including freezers, trash compactors, dishwasher, and micro wave oven were added. New cabinets were installed in both rooms. The sewing rooms now have 24 Viking sewing machines.

The foods rooms have new dinette sets, dishes, silver ware and hand equipment.

During the first semester while construction was still in progress all foods and clothing classes met in the library to study menu planning consumer education, design, textile, and fabrics.

A course in child care was also offered. One day a week each student brought a small child and observed them at play.



The Child Development class brought in little brothers and sisters every Thursday to observe their behavior.



Little Jeffery Schieb waits anxiously through activity period for the Christmas party in 3rd hour child development.



After the completion of the remodeling, several students could work at the same time on their cooking assignments.



The home-ec equipment arrived slowly but surely as students waited anxiously to begin cooking.

Guidance had new offices

Due to the reconstruction, the guidance office tripped in size. Each of the four counselors received an office complete with new furniture and carpeting. The students waiting room was made very spacious so more student's could be accommodated at one time. A section was provided for students to relax while looking through college catalogs.

The counselors favorite addition was the large conference room. When scheduling changes were not taking place, large groups lectures could be conducted by college representatives or job recruiters.

Together with Andrean, the Merrillville guidance department sponsored "College Night", where representatives from fifty colleges were invited to lecture on their university. Students and parents from Merrillville and Andrean were invited to attend, ask questions, and stay after for refreshments.



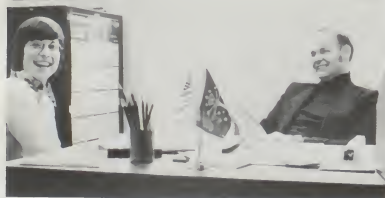
In the newly remodeled guidance area Mr. Lewis talks to Junior Steve Foremski about his program changes.



When scheduling changes became a way of life for a week at the beginning of the semesters the counselors often met in the conference room with several students at a time.



Picking colleges was no easy task. Andrea Dinatale (left) receives some help from Mr. Lewis in picking her college. Pat Hassett (above), listens as Mrs. Hogan explains a college catalog.





Oh, those *# \$%&* term papers! It wasn't easy putting the papers together as students in Mrs. Lynch's classes found out (top) while sorting note cards. Who made it so difficult? Mrs. Lynch (below) has the answer.

English program revised to offer stronger classes

The English department again this year offered the nine week courses directed towards individual interest and ability.

The courses ranged from level one, very easy, to level five, advanced. For the slower student level one and two courses such as basic Word Power and Star Treks were offered. The college bound student could choose a level four or five class dealing with Philosophy, Vocabulary or Advanced Composition.

The english program for next year has been revised. Several courses have been combined into semester long courses while some remain nine weeks long. The object is to offer "something for everyone."



English wasn't all term paper writing. Mrs. Guerero lectures to her philosophy class warning them against becoming Cholos.

It was not "Greek" to them!

Foreign language students benefited greatly from the new remodeled language labs. A complete new system of headphones were installed in each language classroom.

The headphone systems were hooked up on bars which were lowered from the ceilings. In this way vandalism was prevented and students gained more from the class.

At the end of the semester each class prepared a smorgasboard meal from their country. Students cooked the dishes at home and brought them to school to share with the class.



Spanish teacher Mrs. Bertruam listens in on her spanish class as they listen and repeat after a prepared lesson.



German teacher, Mr. Hamilton drills the class in pronunciation and verb tenses.



Even the parents got into the act on Community Involvement Day as this parent shows by listening to one of the spanish tapes.

Mrs. Callander's second year french students listen to a recitation from another member of the class.

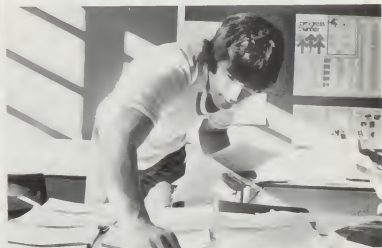


Armand Vargas listens intently to a lecture given in his US History class.

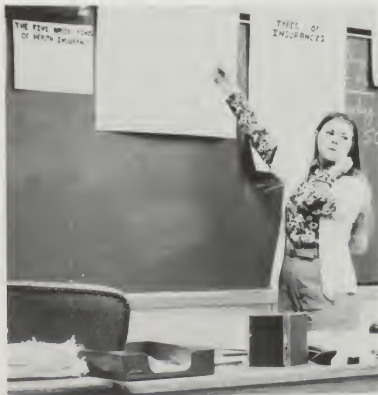
Elective program offered many choices

A wide variety of history courses were offered this year. Juniors were required to take one semester of U.S. History and could select any elective history course for their second semester. Seniors were required to take Government and Economics to graduate.

Because this was our country's bicentennial year and an election year, government classes had an extra load of studying to do. Seniors were expected to keep up with local as well as national candidates. The issues in terms of presidential candidates were discussed in detail.



Carl Petroff helps collate Mr. Nesper's infamous final exam in government class. The results were varied, but answering the test was the educational part.



Senior Sue Wirtes lectures her Econ class about the different types of insurance.



"This here is Canada, Y'all" exclaims Mrs. Hurt to her Canadian history class. Canadian history was one of the elective courses offered this year.

Library offered quiet study area

A quiet place to study, relax or catch up on sleep was found in the library.

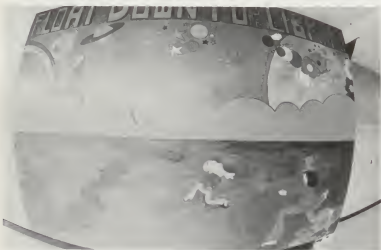
Many classes spent days at a time completing research papers in the library. Econ and government classes made use of the magazine room while history classes chose video tapes as an added source of reference.

The English Techniques of Research students could always be found in the library working on index cards for their term papers.

The library supplied the needed information for hundreds of research papers throughout the year, along with movies, film-strips, records, and college pamphlets.



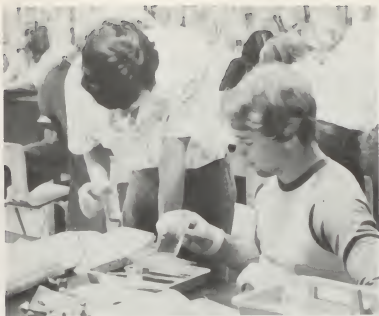
Some students like to work in the library, and some just go to rest in the quiet atmosphere.



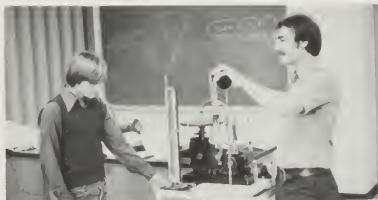
The above mural is only one of many on the walls at M.Ville High that encourage students to "Float Down to the Library."



Two students get away from all of the noise on activity period by sitting in the school library.



Above, Brad Lunsford and friend very carefully dissect a worm, and below Mr. Yovanovich shows a student how to very carefully pour chemicals.



Science students had wide curriculum

While biology students dissected worms, and chemistry students learned about the mole (6.02×10^{23}), and Physics students struggled through labs, the Earth Science classes surveyed land and held classes at the planetarium.

The new addition the science curriculum, earth science, was designed for the student with a great interest in science. The classes spent 5 weeks at the planetarium studying astronomy, and the sky above Merrillville. They also studied geology, taking field trips to such places as the Dunes. The students also surveyed land and analyzed water samples from various ponds in the area.



Mr. Banis (above) shows two of his students how to dissect the right way.



At the left Rhonda McPherson looks puzzled as she tries to figure out what smells. Above, a group of very cold people survey the land around the high school.

New equipment arrived for math department

The 1976 year was a year of many equipment changes in the math department. The department received all new equipment, calculators, adding machines and scientific typewriters. Along with the new equipment, the department added a new course, College Algebra.

The math department enters many students in math contests throughout the year. This year the National Math Test was given on March 9th and the Purdue Math Contest was held April 13th.



Mr. Yeoman assists senior Jackie Vician with her math homework, using one of the new calculators.



Senior Ed Grabczyk concentrates on a make-up math test he missed in Mr. Hutchinson's class.



His first year back at Merrillville, math teacher Mr. Brown oversees the work of his algebra class.

Art Department moved to new facilities

Nineteen seventy six was a big year for the Art Department. They moved into a new facility called the art loft upstairs over the band room. There are five rooms specially equipped for drawing, painting, textiles, sculpture and ceramics where students now can work in semester elective subjects. Student art work was displayed throughout the school year in showcases and in exhibits held with the music and Drama groups. In competitive shows Merrillville art students have won top honors: The National Scholastic Art Awards Competition the Tri Kappa Gary and Crown Point Student Shows, the Hammond Art Association High School Art Awards and the Calumet Regional art fair.



Senior Alan Satanek works diligently on his sculpture art project unaware of the photographer.



Junior Randy Rubin works on his papier-mâché bug for his third hour art class.



Art teacher Mrs. Elenor Lewis puts the final touches on the pirate on the new gym floor.

New room enlarged band's practice area

The band benefited greatly from the reconstruction this year. A new year room was built across from the choir room. Included was a large storage room for uniforms and one for instruments. Also eight small practice rooms were built.

The choir again went to NISBOVA contest. First place medals were awarded to twenty soloists and eighteen ensembles. Those receiving a first place in first division traveled to Indianapolis for state wide competition.

The choir and the band together gave a Christmas performance for the student body.



Junior Jack Hostler waits in quiet anticipation for his cue during a rehearsal for the band Christmas concert.



Mr. Jeruld Reinhart directs the concert choir through a number during their Christmas concert. (Below) The 1975-76 band display their fine form during half-time of a home football game.



From behind the piano choir director Mr. Reinhart can often be seen giving the different sections their pitches.

"Lack of space" disappeared in 1976



(Above) Under the watchful eye of coach Laffy Armontrout, the sophomore boys gym class gets a morning workout. (Below) Sophomore Janice Hebert is caught in mid air as she performs on the balance beam.



The physical education department faced the problem, "lack of space", at the beginning of the year. Both sophomore boys, and girls along with the elective classes were forced to share the girls gym while the Englehart Gym was being renovated.

Once the new gym was opened for use, the P.E. classes enjoyed plenty of room for their daily activities. Students also enjoyed new facilities, such as the handball court, weight lifting room, three full length basketball courts, a set of new tennis courts, and an all weather track.

Students participated in many sports during the year. Swimming, tennis, flag football, softball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and track were just a few of the many activities provided by the P.E. Department.



A sophomore girls swimming class (above) takes a rest after playing a vigorous game of water polo. A sophomore boy (below) shows good serving form during a volleyball game.



Journalists prepared for yearbook class

This year three types of journalism classes were offered. Photo-journalism taught the amateur photographer all the fundamentals to good picture taking. After watching film-strips and listening to lectures the students were allowed to shoot their own film.

There was also a journalism course which covered copy writing, proofreading and magazine layout, giving the student a basic insight to the field of journalism.

Yearbook combined these two types of classes. While the photographers took pictures someone else drew up the layouts as still others wrote copy. There were people proof-reading, typing, alphabetizing, looking for the right picture, and running errands. When everyone came together with their job the finished product evolved—your yearbook.



Senior Vikki Benjamin (above) bites her lip as she contemplates which picture to use on a page in her academics section. Junior Bill Stephan (below) crops the stack of pictures he has picked out for the basketball spreads.



Juniors Diane Moore and Sally Schiesser (top) decide which pictures would look best on the homecoming pages. Junior Lori Adams (above) asks for some ideas for layouts in her people section.



Actors built sets, improved techniques

To enrich the theater arts, a new type of class was offered this year. Acting technique and application in production was taught. The students practiced impromptu skits in front of the class and were then each assigned to a 1 or 2 act play. They were graded on their acting ability along with their makeup application and costume choice.

Some of the smaller acting sets were put up by the stagecraft classes. Stagecraft was designed to teach every aspect of back-stage work before and during a production. Mr. Morrow's stagecraft classes built the sets for the class productions and concerts. They learned how to build flats, operate the counter weight system, use follow-spots, and control both sound and lighting.



Junior Paul Martinson (above left) gives the "okay" sign from the catwalk after checking out the follow-spots. Under the watchful eye (left) of a stagecraft student, Sheree Sarko tries out the swing the stagecraft classes built for her part in the revue. Stagecraft classes (above) worked hard to complete the set for the Christmas concert.



ATHLETICS



*"Consider for a moment what
we achieve from athletics,
... the sheer fun of playing,
... the building of a healthy
and alert mind, ... stamina,
courage, unselfishness and
most important, perhaps,
... the will to win."*

Robert Kennedy

(1925-1968)

New coach led gridders to 5-5 year

Despite a poor start and little fan enthusiasm, the 1975 edition of the Merrillville Pirate football team proved they could accept defeat and rise above it.

After dropping the first three games of the season to Hobart, Lew Wallace, and M.C. Rodgers, the Pirates rebounded by defeating Chesterton, Portage, crosstown foes Andean, and arch-rivals Crown Point. After losing to Valparaiso, the Bucs celebrated Homecoming with a victory over Lowell. The gridmen wrapped up the season by falling to Munster; breaking even with a 5-5 record.

An MHS football season is always highlighted with outstanding performances by individuals, and this year was no exception. Offensively, Woody Melcher churned for 570 yards, making him the leading Pirate ground gainer. Junior Jeff Parker, and sophomore Mark Dakich shared the quarterback spot, and each passed for over 300 yards. Taking honors for team scoring leader were junior Jim Larsen, and senior Marty Lipke, both with 18 points.



Senior Marty Lipke displays his kicking form as he boots a three-pointer against Crown Point.

Senior defensive guard Tom VanDenburgh overwhelms his Crown Point Bulldog opponent with

the tough, powerful, aggressive play that boosted him to take 1975 All-State honors.



Merrillville halfback Ron Bova plows through the Crown Point line, and his second effort merits a first down for the Pirates during the Bulldog's

homecoming game, in which the Pirates won 7-6.



A Bulldog offensive is thwarted by the Merrillville Pirate defensive unit.

Coach Haupt leads the team in prayer before opening kickoff at the Munster game.



1975 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM—Back Row: Coach Ward, Mike Mestousis, Mike Chelovich, Mark Dakich, Tim Seneff, Pat Walker, Randy Shuman, Dan Dainton, Larry Flynn, Jim Larsen, Doug Miller, Tom Szmaga, Jim Rongers, Dean

Neff, Kelly Keough, Coach Martin Middle Row: Coach Gutowski, Ron Bova, Robb Blagg, Woody Melcher, John Brice, Kevin Keough, Dan Mohamed, Kevin Schmidt, Scott Anderson, Tim Bires, Jeff Parker, Brian Woodward, Nick Rusak

Front Row: Coach Cameron, Tom VanDenburgh, Marty Lipke, John Snelgrove, John Kelly, Al Satane, Dan Kuzma, Lou Traina, Dave Schaezel, Richard Poling, Jeff Bianchi, Kurt Martin, Coach Haupt



Assistant coaches Martin (left), and Cameron (right), shout instructions from the sidelines.



In his first year as Varsity football coach, Coach Haupt views the game intensely.



Assistant coach Flick signals players during the Merrillville Homecoming game.



Above: Halfback Ron Bova picks up some extra yardage sprinting down the sideline. Right: Coach Haupt instructs senior Dan Kuzma.



Sophomore defensive lineman Mike Chelovich views the progress of the offensive unit during

the Portage game, and anxiously awaits entry into the tension-filled contest.



Senior running back Dan Kuzma completes a lengthy run for a touchdown. The touchdown

against Chesterton proved to be the winning points.

1975 brought many changes to MHS

1975 was not only a year for rebuilding the school, but also the football team and gridiron. The revamping began at the top, as former coach Richard Demaree stepped down as head mentor after 30 years of service. Replacing him was Coach Ken Haupt, formerly head coach of Cincinatti Elder. Coach Haupt faced a difficult task as he was greeted by new players, coaches, and techniques.

The renovation, of course, did not stop with the team, as Demaree Field underwent many changes. Better lighting, increased seating capacity, a larger pressbox, and improved turf, all marked changes in the field.

The schedule also included many new changes, as the Pirates switched from the Lake Suburban to Duneland Conference. The move was intended to present tougher competition, stimulate new school rivalries, and introduce schools with athletic and size similarities as those of Merrillville.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
0	Hobart	21
6	Lew Wallace	27
3	M.C. Rogers	12
13	Chesterton	9
17	Portage	8
10	Andrean	3
7	Crown Point	6
14	Valparaiso	34
14	Lowell	13
0	Munster	7

J-Ver's sported 2-7 season; Overcame many obstacles

Coach Tom Cameron's J-V Football team slipped to a 2-7 season, but showed marked improvement in many areas. Despite removal of many key players from J-V to Varsity, the J-V gridmen managed a respectable scoring total, ground gainage, and a fair defensive unit.

The junior footballers dropped their season opener, but followed with a win over Griffith. The J-Vers dropped their next five in a row to M.C. Rogers, Chesterton, Portage, Andean, and Valparaiso, but picked up a win over Munster.

The gridmen closed the season with a loss to LaPorte. Coach Cameron commented on the past season, "coaching a J-V team is extremely difficult because of constant roster changes and cuts". Nevertheless much credit is to be given to the J-V football unit for a good showing under less than ideal conditions.



Above: The tough J-V defensive line quickly reacts to an Andean snap.

Below: J-V Coach Tom Cameron, observes the progress of the J-V gridmen.



THE 1975 J-V FOOTBALL TEAM--Back Row: Coach Cameron, Mark Thursby, Mark Konrady, Mark Chandler, Mike Mestousis, Tim Lynch, Dave Evorik, Tim Hogan, Scott Mellinger, Larry Tharp, Kevin Schmidt, Mark Vislosky, Bob Pri-

mal. Front Row: Gary Henig, Dean Schmidt, Mike Miller, Bob Poling, Mark Meechia, Chuck Hansen, Tim Codespoti, Dan Ball, Bill Galanos, Rich Hansen, Pete Eich, Joel Davies, Bob Shirley.

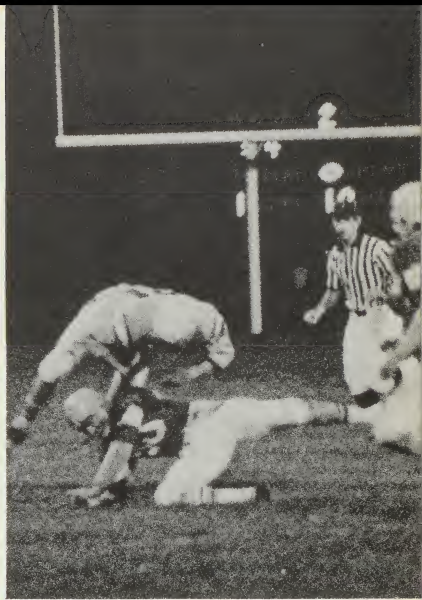




A J-V running back is nailed after a short, but essential gain, during the Andean contest.



Running back Mike Mestousis rushes off-tackle and is stopped by Andean, but only after completing a first-down.



An unidentified Merrillville running-back is stopped by an effective cross-body block during the 59er game.



The Merrillville J-V backfield and offensive line and backfield prepare for the snap of the ball and oncoming defensive line of the Andean 59er's.

Junior Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
16	Hobart	32
14	Griffith	0
13	M.C. Rogers	20
0	Chesterton	16
7	Portage	13
6	Andean	20
7	Valparaiso	14
26	Munster	6
12	LaPorte	20

Young harriers gained experience in 1975

Despite a poor record and a dismal season, much can be said of the Merrillville Cross Country team. Once again plagued by inexperience and youth, the Pirates did manage many bright spots in all facets of the event.

After dropping their first five dual meets, and finishing 18th in the New Prairie Invitational AAA Division, the Harriers, under the direction of Coach Miller, managed a win over Wirt, and followed by dropping a double dual, but defeated Kouts for their last win of the season.

"Most Valuable Runner," Leon Hurlburt, paced the Harriers along with senior Kevin McDonald. Joe Berger was tagged "Most Improved", while also adding strong performances were Curt Richter, Jeff Hartwig, John Storia, and George "Lightening" Christoff.

Next season promises to be quite successful, as experience, returning lettermen, and talent will be present.



Most Valuable Runner, Leon Hurlburt, paces the Harriers, as he sprints for the finish line.



Pirate Harrier Costakis, expresses stamina and determination, as he completes a grueling run.



Kevin McDonald represents the Pirates during an Invitational meet, involving several schools in the area.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS	Opp	18	Wirt	53	
45	Portage	20	Highland Inv.	3rd	
33	Hobart	22	18	Kouts	39
39	LaPorte	19	38	Chesterton	20
36	Hobart	21	Tri. Conf. Inv.	5th	
New Prairie Inv.	18th	40	Hammond Clark	17	
34	Valparaiso	24			



Coach Mike Miller times a runner crossing the finish line during the Highland Invitational.



Harrier "Lightening Christoff" displays endurance, as he completes the last leg of a home meet.



THE 1975 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. Back Row. Jim Foster, Leon Hurlburt, Kevin McDonald, Doug Fink, Bill Rendina, Kurt Richter, George Christoff, Doug Fink, Jeff Hartwig, Bill Souronis,

John Strosia. Front Row. Coach Miller, Ken Turner, Tony Tallef, George Costakis, Joe Berger.



Most Valuable Player Wally Primer, warms up before the Lowell match.



Coach Banis observes the progress of the team with keen interest, while finishing off a burger.



The Merrillville sophomore doubles team of Todd Wagner (left), and Mike Psimos (right), display

the accuracy and precision needed for successful, complete, doubles competition.



Senior letterman Ted Zourmis exerts power and accuracy, as he presents his serve to an oppo-

nent during the Michigan City Rodgers match, in which the Pirate Netters lost 2-3.

Netters began fast under guidance of new coach

The 1975 Merrillville Tennis team, studded with returning lettermen, disappointed many, as they faltered to a 4-13 season.

After dropping their first match of the season to LaPorte, the Pirates responded by winning three in a row, as they defeated Calumet, River Forest, and Lowell.

The Bucs lost to M.C. Rogers and Hobart, before picking up what was to be their last win of the season against Highland. The Netters skidded to a ten in a row losing streak that wrapped up the season for the year.

Junior Wally Primer was named "Most Valuable", as he anchored the Buc Netters. Junior Dean Zoumis was dubbed "Most Improved", and sophomore Todd Wagner picked up "Mental Attitude" honors.



THE 1975 VARSITY TENNIS TEAM—Back Row Coach Banis, Ted Zoumis, Dean Zoumis, Joe

Hamang, Wally Primer. Front Row Mike Psimos, Todd Wagner, Rob Bernal.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
0	Laporte	5
4	Calumet	1
4	River Forest	1
5	Lowell	0
1	M.C. Rogers	4
2	Hobart	3
5	Highland	0
1	Chesterton	4
0	Valparaiso	5
0	Portage	5
2	Andean	3
2	M.C. Rogers	3
0	Portage	4
0	Chesterton	5
0	Hobart	5
0	Laporte	5
2	Portage	3



Junior Rob Bernal presents a forehand swing during the opening of the Calumet contest

Above: Junior Dean Zoumis awaits the serve of a Chesterton opponent.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
317	Portage	288
300	Munster	255
266	LaPorte	202
245	M.C. Rogers	232
238	Hobart	284
256	Andrean	237
231	Munster	222
245	Valparaiso	222
214	Chesterton	286



Before a match with Valparaiso, some of the girls warm up by taking practice shots on the driving range.



The 1975 Girl's Golf Team: Back Row (l to r)—Mr. Wiles, Betty Lipton, Kim Flauding, Kim Ozimec, Laura Rudolph, Kim Stewart, Tammy Adams, Karen Iussig, Mrs. Wiles.

Front row (l to r)—Jo Ellen Tombers, Karen Osich, Glenda Blankenbarker, Jane Long, Cheryl Swithe, Julie Wallen, Mary Kupke.



Merrillville golfer Karen Osich prepares a fairway shot.

Bright outlook ahead as girls improve

Although the Girl's Golf team, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Wiles, faltered to a 2-7 season, a gaining of experience, and high team morale, present reason for optimism in upcoming seasons.

After dropping their first four matches of the season, the Duffers picked up a win over highly-ranked Hobart. The Girl's proceeded to lose three in a row, but closed the season on a winning note, as they defeated Chesterton.



Pirate golfer Laura Rudolph shows her form as she drives for long yardage.



Several of the girls practice before a match, and check the yardage of their drives.

Left: Golfers Kim Flauding, Laura Rudolph, Kim Ozimec, and Tammy Adams comprised the Sectional team.



13th in state

Girls take Duneland Conference

1975 proved to be an extremely productive and gratifying year for Coach Ray Mixell and his Purple Wave. The girl swimmers managed to break all previous school records and splashed their way to Duneland Conference Championship and a 13th placing in state competition.

After accepting a 2-0 forfeit from Plainfield, the girls proceeded to defeat Valparaiso and Portage, before dropping a meet to South Ben Clay.

The girls finished seventh in the Purple Wave relays, then dropped a meet to Munster before picking up a third place finish in the Elkhart Diving Invitational.

The Wavers resumed their winning ways as they won six in a row by defeating Chesterton, Lowell, Crown Point, Michigan City Rogers, Highland, Elkhart Central, and a victory in the Duneland Conference meet.

Directly after the Elkhart Central meet, the girl swimmers dropped two, as they lost to South Bend Adams and Lafayette.

The girls wrapped up the season with a victory over Hammond Gavit. State competition concluded the regular season and the girls picked up a 13th in state competition; a vast improvement over last years 32nd mark.

Directing the girls over the '75 season was Coach Ray Mixell. In his rookie year as head coach, Coach Mixell elevated the girls to a conference championship, a barrage of broken records, and a 13th rank in state.



Utilizing his vast trainer's ability, Coach Mixell tapes the foot of senior girls swimmer Kim Millus.



During a practice, junior diver Michelle Tully works on various dives in preparation for an upcoming meet.



Left: A purple wave daily workout session. Swimmers practice off the blocks.

Above: Connie Soder gasps for air as she completes her breast-stroke event.

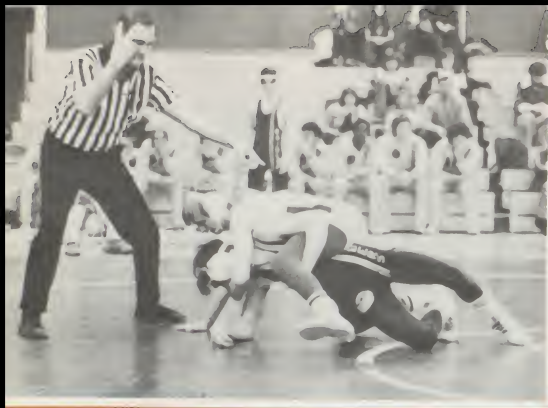


1975 GIRL'S VARSITY SWIMMING TEAM—Back Row: Sandy Nowesnick, Kim Millus, Sandi Lentini, Pam Mitsos, Kim Mihalick, Paula Mammas, Janet Hebert, Linda Jawicki, Connie Soder. Third Row: Susie Neville, Muriel Lentini, Erin Redman, Liz Price, Michelle Tully, Laura Mihalick, Judy Lipske, Cheryl Hansen, Cindy Jones.

Coach Mixell. Second Row: Connie Fromer, Carolyn Stark, Nancy DuMond, Joanne Lipke, Theresa Hansen, Dana Satnan, Bonnie Commins, Joan Gaske. Front Row: Sandy Sekerez, Karen Czervich, Vicki Stark, Nancy Martin, Lori Oresarrin, Shari Isolampi.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
2	Plainfield (forfeit)	0
119	Valparaiso	101
155	Portage	53
91	South Bend Clay	129
Purple Wave Relays 7th Pl.		
87	Munster	133
	Elkhart Central Inv.	3rd
130	Chesterton	90
132	Lowell	82
132	Crown Point	82
166	M.C. Rogers	61
Duneland Conference Championship		
115	Highland	103
92	Elkhart Central	128
107	South Bend Adams	113
90	Lafayette	130
132	Hammond Gavit	82



The referee signals "two points", as Pirate grappler Glenn Suss overwheims his "Rough Rider" opponent.



Varsity wrestling coach Tom Cameron encourages a Pirate matmen.



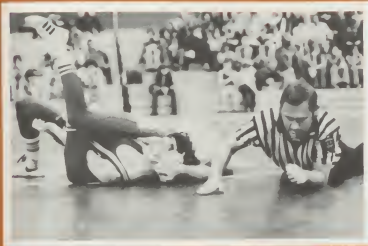
1976 VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM—Back Row: Coach Cameron, Kelly Keough, Dean Neff, Jim Rongers, Coach Ward. Middle Row: Mark Konrady, Brian Woodward, Ted Storey, Bill Galanos, John Kelley. Front Row: Ken Turner, George

Costakis, Glenn Suss, Randy Standish, Brian Shaw.

From a down position, a Buc grappler attempts to maintain control



Cameron's matmen wrestle to winning 6-2 season



A Merrillville wrestler struggles for a pin, as he wraps up his opponent while the referee searches for a view.

At one point ranked 2nd in state, heavyweight matman Kelly Keough walks off the mat victorious once again.



The Merrillville wrestling team, under the direction of Coach Tom Cameron grappled to a successful 6-2 dual season. The Bucs started off on a bright note, as they defeated top-ranked Portage. After dropping a match to LaPorte, the matmen swept three in a row defeating Crown Point, M.C. Rogers, and Chesterton, before losing to tough Hobart. Closing the season in winning fashion the Pirates downed both Highland and Valparaiso.

In tourney competition the Pirates took a 2nd at Chesterton; a 5th at Mooresville; and a 6th at Culver Military





The Merrillville Wrestling team, guided by the brother mentor duo of Tom and Jerry Cameron, along with the J V guidance of Gerald Ward, directed the matmen to their second straight sectional title.

Responding well were sophomores Ken Turner (98) Brian Shaw (126), Bill Galanos (138), Ted Storey (145), and Brian Woodward (155). Because of the fine soph. performance the future is obviously bright. "We've been building in this direction for a couple of years now", said Coach Tom Cameron.

Juniors also added their share of excellence as Jim Rongers (177) wrestled well, and heavyweight Kelly Keough and his season record of 17-1-1 was feared by many throughout the state.

Seniors Glenn Suss (119), and John Kelley (132) added admirable performances. Naturally this effective combination produced a winning season. The Pirates finished with a 6-2-0 record overall, 4-2 conference record and sectional title.

A Pirate grappler wraps up an opponent as the referee looks on.

Sophomore Brian Woodward (155) awaits the referee's signal to begin wrestling.

Tangled in a mess is a Buc grappler and a M.C. Roger opponent.



Varsity Scoreboard

MHS	Opp
33	Portage 22
Chesterton Invit. Tourn. 2nd Pl.	
15	LaPorte 35
38	Crown Point 30
Mooresville Tournament 5th Pl.	
37	M.C. Rogers 13
52	Chesterton 12
12	Hobart 36
Culver Military Academy Tourn.	
6th	
30	Highland 14
42	Valparaiso 14

4-4 on season

J-V hit .500 plateau

The 1975-76 Junior-Varsity Wrestling Team, under the direction of Coach Jerry Ward managed a .500 season, as the matmen posted four wins opposed to four losses.

Coach Ward expressed his pleasure with the past season and is counting on continued success in the future.

The J-Ver's opened the season by dropping two in a row, but rebounded by downing LaPorte in an exciting match. The J-V grapplers were defeated by M.C. Rogers before picking up a win at Chesterton, and at Hobart. The matmen lost to Highland before closing out the season with a win against Valparaiso.

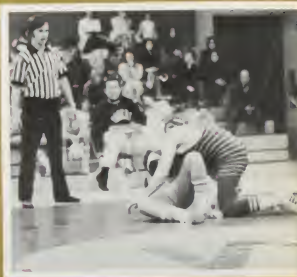


During the Michigan City Rogers match, Larry Tharp of Merrillville, his opponent and the referee all maintain a prone position.



THE 1975-76 J-V WRESTLING TEAM—Back Row Coach Cameron, Dan Davies, Joe Peschke, Tom Costakis, Coach Ward Middle Row Kevin Schmidt, Mark Vislosky, Joel Davies,

Kevin Konrady, Larry Tharp. First Row Tim Pavella, Jeff Truchan, Eric Redman, Gary Standish, Mark Meechia.



An unidentified M-vile grappler wraps up a Portage foe.



A Merrillville J-V matmen and a Michigan City Rogers opponent struggle for the upper hand during a home match.

J-V

Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
23	Portage	32
21	LaPorte	34
42	Crown Point	23
18	M.C. Rogers	37
50	Chesterton	9
32	Hobart	25
14	Highland	52
43	Valparaiso	11

Sectional Champions

Cagers managed .500 at midseason

In his third year as head basketball mentor, Larry Liddle guided his roundballers to the .500 plateau with a 4-4 mid-season record.

Starting the season in late November, the cagers opened with a victory over Kankakee Valley. After dropping one to Lew Wallace, the b-ballers downed Elkhart Central, fell to Gary Roosevelt and Highland, before picking up a win in a hotly-contested game to M.C. Rogers. The Bucs proceeded to defeat Valparaiso, then lost to Fort Wayne Elmhurst.

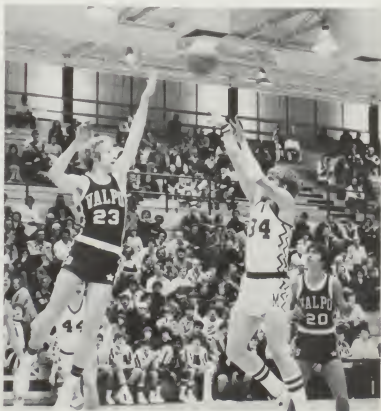
The Huntington Christmas Tournament followed with the Pirates taking runner-up honors by defeated Fort Wayne Penn, but lost handily in the championship game to Huntington North.

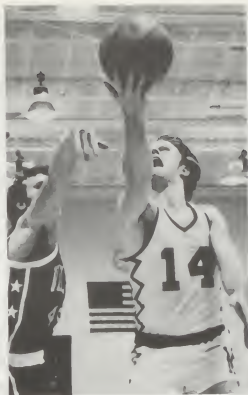
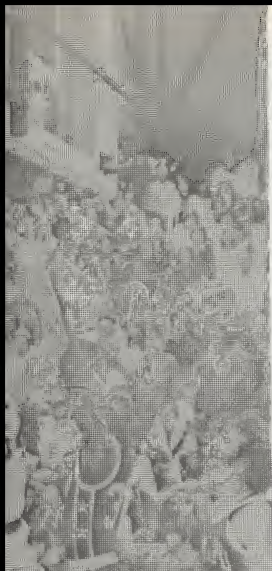
Strenuous practices and arduous training followed, in preparation for defense of conference and sectional titles.

Senior center Dave Rastovski (44) tips a missed shot for two points against Griffith.



Senior Steve Blimm attempts a jumper despite defensive efforts of a Valpo opponent.





Above: Captain Mark Blane flips an underhand layup on a fast break

Left: Tom VanDenburgh takes a shot from underneath during the Viking game.



Junior Forward Gary Matykeiwicz takes a jump shot from the baseline.



Tom VanDenburgh completes a defensive maneuver, while both he and Scott Shuster await

the rebound during the Highland Trojan game



Left: Dave Rastovski questions a referee's call.
Above: 1975-76 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM—Coach Liddle, Dennis Pearman, Leon Hurlburt, John Stroia, Nick Sarikos, Tim Seneff,

Scott Schuster, Dave Rastovski, Tom Vandenburg, Steve Blimm, Gary Matykiewicz, Gregg Hanas, Bill Souronis, Mark Blane.

Cagers capture conference crown; fall to Munster at sectionals

The 1975-76 Varsity basketball team, because of a latter season four game winning streak, including a win over LaPorte, managed a Duneland Conference Championship and evened their regular season record at 10-10.

However the flame of success was soon to be extinguished as the Pirates dropped their opening sectional game to the eventual Calumet Sectional champion—Munster Mustangs. Despite a gallant third quarter 25 point, come-from-behind effort, that at one point, thrust the Bucs into the lead, it was soon chipped away at and lost entirely into a 13 point defeat.

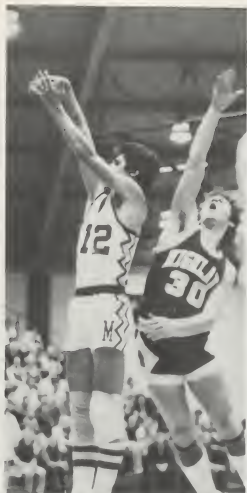
Parked 5-5 at midseason, the Pirate roundballers, after defeating Hobart, skidded into a five game losing streak as they fell to Andrean, M.C. Elston, Crown Point, Griffith, and Bishop Noll, only to turn around just as abruptly and defeat Munster, Portage, Chester-ton, and LaPorte, all key conference games, enabling them to capture the conference crown.

Perhaps one of the greatest assets for the 75-76 team, and for teams to come, is the newly-completed Englehart Gymnasium that can accommodate 3000 people.



During a hotly-contested game against the Valparaiso Vikings, senior forward-center Tom Vandenburg out-muscles his opponents and leaps

high for an important rebound in Englehart Gymnasium.



Junior guard Bill Souronis gets a jump shot away despite the efforts of a Highland foe.



Sophomore forward-guard Tim Seneff takes a breather during a physical Lew Wallace game. (Above)

Junior forward Gary Matykiewicz takes a shot from the key, amidst a Viking foe.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
76	Kankakee Valley	62
75	Lew Wallace	78
64	Elkhart	53
59	Roosevelt	65
48	Highland	63
55	M.C. Rogers	50
65	Valparaiso	45
52	F.W. Elmhurst	58
55	Penn	48
50	Huntington North	85
64	Hobart	60
73	Andrean	78
60	Elston	63
53	Crown Point	54
62	Griffith	68
55	Bishop Noll	58
64	Munster	63
82	Portage	72
68	Chesterton	56
60	La Porte	58
	SECTIONAL	
51	Munster	64



Above: Senior captain Mark Blane displays his freethrow form during the LaPorte game.



J-Ver's compiled 7 game streak; had 12-8 season

The Merrillville J-V basketball team, guided by Coach Joe Huber, bounced to a successful 12-8 season.

Despite two early three game skids, the J-Ver's remained fairly consistent. Paced by Jeff Markle, who led the shooting attack, Ed Krol and Roger Rister who managed rebounding chores, Dave Hurst who jockeyed at center, the JVers yielded a well-rounded attack.

The latter half of the season was highlighted by a seven game winning streak, as the Junior-Varsity round-ballers ran down Michigan City Elston, Crown Point, Griffith, Hammond Noll, Munster, Portage and Chesterton.

Commenting on the successful conclusion, Coach Joe Huber stated that "hard work and high team morale both were key factors".



Dave Hurst leaps for Merrillville, as Pirate-Portage game gets under way.



A LaPorte opponent gets the edge on a jump ball, tipping it to a teammate.

Below: Starting Buc J-Ver's trot out to center court as their names are announced.

J-V

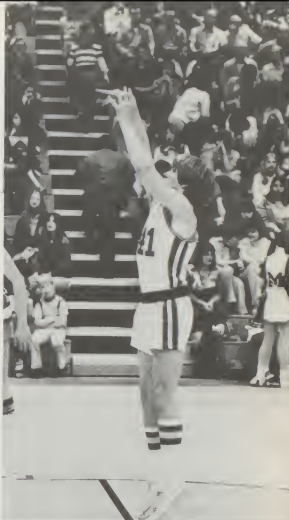
Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
50	Kankakee Valley	36
34	Lew Wallace	35
39	Elkhart Central	46
34	Gary Roosevelt	42
48	Highland	39
39	M.C. Rogers	44
41	Valparaiso	42
43	Ft. Wayne Elmhurst	44
53	M.C. Elston	52
46	Chesterton	37
44	Hobart	37
36	Andean	50
53	M.C. Elston	40
44	Crown Point	39
45	Griffith	43
49	Hammond Noll	46
37	Munster	36
50	Portage	39
58	Chesterton	47
59	La Porte	60





1976 J-V BASKETBALL TEAM—L to R: Ed Kroll, Roger Reister, Steve Moore, Mark Dakich, Tim Hogan, Jeff Johnson, Mike Chelovich, Bill Ranko Ivetch, Jeff Markie, John Schilling, Rendina, Pat Walker, Greg Kemp, Dave Hurst,



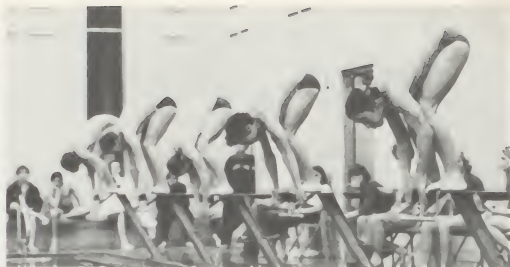
Buc J-Ver Roger Reister displays his free-throw form during the Slicer contest.



Above: Junior Varsity Coach Huber. Left: J-V roundballer Dave Hurst attempts a shot amidst several Slicer opponents.

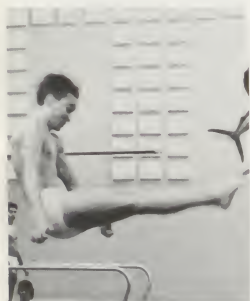


Showing his form is J-Ver Brian Underwood in a front one and one half somersault.



Above left: Jack Allendorf streaks through the water in the butterfly event of the relay.

Above: During the Portage meet, both Pirate and Mustang swimmers position themselves on the blocks.



Swimmers finish over .500; return 39 lettermen

Notching a 12-10 dual meet season record and qualifying 13 swimmers for the state meet at Ball State is an accomplishment; but according to Coach McCloud better things are yet to come as 39 of 43 swimmers will be returning next year.

Amassing a four meet win streak at the beginning of the season, including wins over conference foes Portage and LaPorte, the Bucs dropped meets to South Bend Adams and Munster. However, the Mermen quickly re-

bounded by handing M.C. Rogers and Chesterton respective losses. Tying Bishop Noll, Merrillville followed with a win over Valpo and Penn. Dropping five in a row, the Pirates bounced back by downing Crown Point and Warren Central.

After dropping the sectional meet to LaPorte by a single point, the Pirates proceeded to Muncie for the state meets with Dave Vicimos placing 9th in the individual medley.



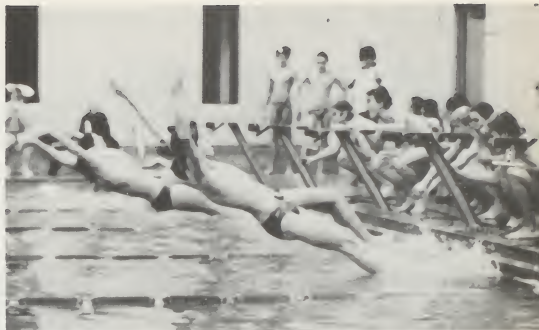
THE 1975-76 VARSITY SWIM TEAM—Back Row: Mark Isolampe, Coach McCloud, Dave Schetzel. 5th Row: Pat Hasset, Ed Gilliam, Steve Wiles, Bill McFarland, Coach Mixell. 4th: Jim Dinsmore, Larry Curcurro, John Cone, "Weed" Davidson, Gary Graves. 3rd Row: Dave Burrelli, John Ru-

dovich, Dave Vidimos, Leon Shooter, Pete Davidson. 2nd Row: Evan Redman, Butch Haviza, Tom Beck, Bill Komechak, Mark Thursby. Front Row: Kevin Reich, Chuck Sullivan, Bob Danko, Tom Combs, Brian Underwood.





Before an important conference meet Ed Gilliam psyches himself up? Above: "And they're off!"



The Merrillville J-V swim team is led out of the locker room by sophomore Jeff Buehle as well as the Merrillville Varsity swim team and head

coach Lee McCloud before the Muncie North dual meet.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
86	Lafayette Jefferson	85
119	Lowell	52
110	Portage	62
90	La Porte	82
63	South Bend Adams	108
66	Munster	106
104	M.C. Rogers	70
102	Chesterton	70
86	Noll	86
110	Valpo	62
82½	Highland	89½
42	Columbus	42
25	South Bend Riley	63
58	Hammond	25
36	Muncie North	47
50	Crown Pt.	33
65	Warren Central	18
Munster Relays 4th Place		
Christmas Invit. 2nd Place		
2nd Duneland Conference Meet		
2nd Sectionals		



THE 1975-1976 J-V SWIM TEAM—Back Row: Coach McCloud, Dan Sharp, Bob Wing, Troy Lemon, Todd Harmon, Coach Mixell. Middle Row: Brian Sperber, Jeff Buehle, John Toigo,

Ken Diamond, Dan Leyman, Tim Bowser, Mark Isolampe. Front Row: Jeff Peek, Jim Weible, Bob Frank, Jack Allendorf, Tom Fargo.

Volleyers improved; reached sectional finals



1975 GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM—Back Row: Cindy Illes, Heidi Kemperle, Sandy Foreman, Cathy Gallatis. Front row: Lisa Hendrichs, Leslie Mack, Kim Hurburt, Kathy Able.



During a practice, Kim Hurburt works on returning serves; an important facet of the game of volleyball.

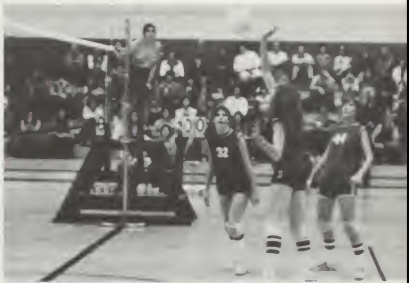


Leaping high in the air during sectional competition is Sandy Foreman, while the rest of the team awaits their next move.

The Girl's Volleyball team, relatively young and inexperienced surprised many onlookers this year as they compiled an impressive 16-10 record.

Showing vast improvement over last year, perhaps the girls best showing came during sectionals where the V-balers took Hobart into overtime before dropping the match by two points.

As Coach JoAnna Schaffer stated, while reflecting on the past season, "hard work and dedication, along with the great spirit of the girls, was truly the key to our successful season."



During the sectional game, Sandy Foreman leaps high in the air, as Kim Hurburt (32), and Cathy Gallatis (44), look on.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
1	Wirt	0
1	Gary Horace Mann	0
0	Hammond Clark	1
1	E.C. Roosevelt	0
0	E.C. Washington	1
0	LaPorte	1
1	Lew Wallace	0
0	Chesterton	1
1	M.C. Rogers	0
0	Hobart	1
0	Valparaiso	1
0	Portage	1
0	River Forest	1
1	Andrean	0

Girl's bounced to sectional victory

After wrapping up the regular season with a mediocre 6-11 season, Coach JoAnna Schafer and the girl cagers were far from finished. Advancing to sectional competition the girls faced tough Andrean and took them to the wire by defeating them 35-33. After celebrating the upset victory the girls took on favored Hobart, only to upset them also and capture the highly-coveted sectional crown.

Also enjoying a successful season were the J-V cagers as they mounted a 9-5 regular season record.



Girl's roundballer Sue Meschede leaps high in the air to pull down an important rebound during the Valparaiso game.



After dribbling down court Buc B-baller Kathy Abel eludes a Valpo opponent while on her way to an underhand layup.



During a haltime intermission, Coach JoAnna Schaeffer tapes the foot of Cathy Gallaitis while she winces in pain.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
22	Roosevelt	21
19	Highland	25
29	Lowell	35
36	Chesterton	46
31	Andrean	48
46	Valparaiso	33
25	Calumet	39
34	Wallace	53
39	Rogers	64
46	Whiting	53
25	Portage	72
61	Wirt	58
27	River Forest	37
Sectional Competition		
35	Andrean	33
41	Hobart	38
	Regional	
24	Portage	53



1975-76 GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM—Back Row: Cathy Gallaitis, Kim Mil-lus, Cathy Able. Middle Row: Peggy VanDenburgh, Kim Hurlburt, Gail Zeheralis. Front Row: Daria Sowatchka, Cathy Curtis, Sue Meschede, Karen Prochno.

Girls won many honors

One of the most successful Merrillville sports teams, the girl's gymnastic team proved once again their ability to perform successfully with consistence.

Undefeated in 14 dual meets, the beginners captured a Duneland Conference Championship and a second in sectionals, as they were paced by Kris Sharp, Kim Leposkey (state champ in

bars and vaulting), Leslie Mack, and Claudia Pawl.

Posting a 13-1 dual record, the intermediate team with Molly McCall, Sherree Tipton, Lori Adams managed a sectional title, and Molly McCall advanced to state competition. Dama Henrichs, unable to compete in sections as a intermediate, also spurred the intermediate effort.

Notching a 9-3 record, the young optional team placed second in both the conference and sectional meets, as Val Engle placed second in sectionals and third during the regionals.



Beginner gymnast Claudia Pawl prepares to beat into the low bar as a part of her routine.

Varsity Scoreboard

	Beg.	Int.	Opt.
MHS	76.90	76.00	
Oregon Davis	22.45	14.00	
MHS	77.15		73.45
Hobart	48.45		28.95
MHS	77.15	74.40	73.45
LaPorte	59.10	62.30	23.80
MHS	82.95	81.65	
East Gary	64.55	44.45	
MHS	84.00	80.30	76.50
Chesterton	74.05	73.65	16.45
MHS	78.75	76.50	70.95
Lowell	55.55	50.65	30.05
MHS	83.55	75.50	76.15
Portage	78.00	81.70	86.05
MHS	78.55	76.25	74.90
Highland	74.25	71.95	62.90
MHS	81.30	76.95	75.25
S.B. Adams	74.35	71.35	79.20
MHS	80.65	81.00	70.50
Munster	75.20	76.05	45.55
MHS	76.95	78.70	77.10
Valpo	72.55	75.40	22.40
MHS	79.15	76.70	70.15
Crown Point	65.95	57.35	62.65
MHS	76.90	77.35	64.30
Griffith	43.15	59.50	12.15



Beginner gymnast Kim Leposkey displays the form that led her to the state championship in the

uneven bars. She was also the state champion in the vaulting event.

Dama Henrichs executes a layout squat vault as photographer Kevin Spurlock captures her in this series of pictures.





Junior gymnast Lori Adams prepares to move into a handstand on the balance beam.



Marcie Mackanos shows good balance and form as she carefully negotiates a tricky maneuver on

the mere four inch wide balance beam, her best event of the four.



1976 GIRLS GYMNASTICS TEAM: Front row (l-r): Val Engle, Lori Adams, Yvonne Andros, Donna Campbell, Stephanie Stevens, Claudia Pawl, Marcie Mackanos. Middle row: Tula Kostantios, Kim Leposkey, Stephanie Palvas, Dama

Henrichs, Leslie Mack, Barb Summers. Back row: Sherree Tipton, Asst. Coach Becky Bergman, Jeri Sikora, Jinx Sikora, Maggie Uremovich, Kris Sharp, Connie Petroff, Coach Diane Rusak, Molly McCall.

Sophomore Val Engle goes into the stoop circle, a part of her uneven bar routine.





Kicking at the completion of her 220 yd. event junior Angie Micic (above) struggles to out-distance her Valpo opponent. Senior Mary Bohling

(right) completes her mile run, an event she set a new school record in.



Sprinting to the completion of the 100 yd. dash, junior Michelle Criso (above) leads the MHS delegation in the event. Doing the Fosbury Flop,

Freshman Chris Gallaits clears the bar in the high jump event.



Girls track

Girls finished 9-5 year; 5th in Sectional

A year of broken records and individual achievement, the 1976 edition of the Merrillville girls track team sprinted to a 4-1 conference mark and a 9-5 overall record.

Starting off on a fast pace, the girl thinclads downed Whiting and Wirt in a triangular meet and placed 8th in the 14 school West Side Invitational; after which they notched a couple of conference wins and were 7-5 overall by midseason.

Personal achievement was also noted at this time, as Mary Ellen Gavin set a record of 12.0 in the 80 yd. hurdles; JoAnn Lipski clocked in at 1:02.1 in the 440 run; Carolyn Monyak greeted a time of 2:45.5 in the 880 run. The 440 relay team of Michelle Crest, Peggy VanDenburgh, Jill Mitchell, and Kim Leposkey set a 52.7 mark; and the 880 medley relay team of Michelle Crist, Val Engel, Jill Mitchell, and JoAnn Lipski broke the tape at 1:56.8.

Concluding the season, the cinderwomen downed Valpo, took a fourth in the Duneland Conference meet, defeated Chesterton, and placed second in the Calumet Co-Ed Meet.

Winding up to toss the softball, Freshman Debbie Homeier twists and turns in an effort to throw the ball as far as possible.



Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		OPP
79	Whiting	50
79	Wirt	22
	Gary West Invitational	8th
52	Andrean	60
52	River Forest	41
34	LaPorte	80
67	Portage	38
33	Munster	58
33	Gary West	43
77	Hobart	41
77	Wirt	15
47	Highland	69
47	Whiting	18
57	Valparaiso	48
	Duneland Conference	4th
68	Chesterton	37
2nd	Calumet Co-ed Meet	
5th	Sectional	



1976 Girls Track Team: (standing left to right): Karen Prochno, Coach Joanne Schafer, Debbie Homeier, Margaret Pesche, Debbie Lundsford, Candy Brassich, Chris Gallatis, Kerri Krol, Kim Millus, Peggy Vandenburg, Jeanne Gorgias, Laurie Hancock, Jill Mitchell, Coach Diane Rusak. (kneeling left to right) Kim Leposky, Chris

Sharp, Gail Atkinson, Kim Evanyo, Sharon Powers, Jo Ann Lipski, Mary Rzetelny, Mary Bohling, Debbie Wiles, Cindy Mitchell, Cara Springman, Mary Beth Gavalik (sitting left to right) Valerie Engel, Terri De St Jean, Judy Lipski, Sally Samardzija, Mary Ellen Gavin, Carolyn Monyak, Angie Micic, Michelle Crist, Heidi Kemperle.

Netters managed 8-4 year; 2nd in Duneland

Notching an 8-4 season record and a second place finish in Duneland Conference the Girl's Tennis team, mentored by Coach Becky Bergman displayed a strong desire that led to a winning season.

Mickie Korac, Cathy Curtis, Gail Zeheralis, Val Pappas, and Estelle Psimos all returned with letters to pace the consistant netters.

Competing against a variety of teams throughout the Calumet Region, the girls downed both conference and non-conference foes alike.

The future remains extremely bright for the team as only two girls will be leaving. As Coach Bergman stated, "We're going to have a tough team next year!"



Number one singles performer Mickie Korac serves against Valparaiso. Korac finished her

regular season at 9-2 against Duneland conference competition.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		OPP
7	Calumet	0
7	Lowell	0
3	Crown Point	4
7	Marquette	0
6	Portage	1
2	Hammond Gavit	5
1	Munster	7
6	Hobart	1
0	Valporaiso	7
6	La Porte	1
6	Hammond	1
4	Chesterton	3



1976 MHS Girls Tennis Team: Front row (left to right): Stephanie Duncan (#4 singles), Cathy Curtis (#5 singles), Estelle Psimos (#2 doubles), Micki Korac (#1 singles), Gail Zeheralis

(#2 singles). Row 2: Kathy Able (#3 singles), Val Pappas (#2 doubles), Coach Bergman, Diane Ozemic (#1 doubles), Sandy Forman (#1 doubles).



Junior Gail Zeheralis reaches for a drop shot as she rushes the net.



Sophomore Kathy Abel smashes a backhand against her Valparaiso Vicking opponent. Play-

ing in the number three singles shot, Kathy compiled an 8-4 record.



Sophomore Kathy Kersteff follows through on a two-hand forehand. Kersteff played several

meets at the number 5 position, compiling a 1-3 record.



THE 1976 VARSITY GOLF TEAM—Richard Mihalic, Greg St. Germain, Eric Vail, Jim Janasch, Randy Taseff, Brent Stewart, Bob Mihalic, Coach Max Hutchinson. Not pictured: Chuck Hevazi.



Before an important conference meet with LaPorte, Coach Hutchinson explains local rules and regulations to a LaPorte golfer (left), as Rick Mihalic looks on.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
170	Andrean	161
160	Griffith	165
Elkhart Memorial 2nd		
157	Valparaiso	169
161	Portage	189
185	Lew Wallace	167
162	LaPorte	155
155	Munster	155
173	Chesterton	151
165	M.C. Rogers	156
193	Griffith	154
Hobart & M.C. Elston—First		
Highland—Lake Central First		
182	Valparaiso	165
169	Portage	147
168	LaPorte	145
4th	LaPorte Inv.	Place
4th	Lafayette Inv.	Place
312	Chesterton	372
323	M.C. Rogers	333
5th	Lake Hills Inv.	Place
154	Hobart	177
323	Andrean	330

Golfers displayed winning form; took Sectional honors

Paced by six returning lettermen and an extremely tough reserve squad, Coach Max Hutchinson and the Merrillville golf team notched another successful season.

Returning from last year to help the team were seniors Brent Stewart, Chuck Hevazi, Rich Mihalic, and Randy Tasseff. Junior lettermen Greg St. Germain, Eric Vail, Jim Janasch, and Bob Mihalic also added to the winning cause.

One new aspect of the '76 season was the changing of home courses for the Pirates, as they moved from Indian Ridge to newly-designed Summertree; a relatively difficult course.



Above left: Senior Brent Stewart tees off. Above: Rich Mihalic swings into action. Left: Junior Bob Mihalic, during the LaPorte meet, tees off on #3 at Summertree.

Boys track

Thinlies improved individually; ended 5th in Duneland

Despite a mediocre season and average relay scores, the future is bright for the Merrillville track team. Highlighted by exceptional performances and outstanding team effort, the cindermen managed a respectable 5th place finish in the Duneland Conference meet.

Placing third in the Munster Indoor Relay, the Pirate thinclads followed with a ninth in the Bishop Noll Relays and third in the Hammond Tech-Andean meet before dropping their first and second dual meets of the season to M.C. Rogers and Portage respectively. After notching a sixth in the Andean Relays and a second at Chesterton, the Pirates dropped two conference meets to LaPorte and Valparaiso.

The Bucs came on strong the latter half of the season, as they managed a third at both the Hobart Little 5 and Chesterton, a second at Delphi, and third at Griffith and Hammond Clark.

Among outstanding individual performances was Craig Poropat who was a triple winner in several dual meets and a double winner at the conference.



Leaping the final hurdle preparing to sprint to the finish, junior Craig Poropat strains to outdistance

his opponent in the high hurdles.



Sophomore Bill Rendina leads the pack around a turn in the mile run. 880 relay anchor man Steve

Martin races across the finish line.





1976 MHS VARSITY TRACK TEAM—Back Row (l to r): Coach Gutowski, Leon Hurlburt, Jim Rongers, Harold Nicholson, Tim Seneff, Kelly Keough, Bill Rendina, Mark Foremski, Brian Christ, Nick Grynovich, Tim Codespoti. Middle Row: Tim Bires, Tim Parker, Craig Porpat, Kevin Keough,

Paul Watts, Mike Urlickie, Steve Foremski, Tom Crompton, Carl Fink, Dean Schmidt. Front Row: Coach Armentrout, Howard Evans, John Maddock, Steve Martin, Curt Richter, Mike Qualizza, Al Satanek, Pete Eich, Dan Ball.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS	OPP
Duneland Conference (indoor)	6th
Munster Relays (indoor)	3rd
Boilermaker Relays (indoor)	No scores
Bishop Noll Relays (indoor)	9th
Hammond Tech-Andrean	3rd
51 M.C. Rogers	76
48 Portage	78
Andrean Relays	6th
Chesterton-Morton	2nd
37 LaPorte	90
32 Valparaiso	95
Highland Relays	4th
Hobart Little 5	3rd
Chesterton Relays	3rd
Delphi Relays	2nd
Rensselaer Relays	3rd
Griffith Relays	3rd
Hammond Clark Relays	4th
Duneland Conference	5th



Using the unorthodox looking Fosbury flop to clear the high jump bar, junior Tim Seneff dives

and twists his way past the 5'8" mark.

Flying through the air after hitting a perfect broad jump (above left), Craig Porpat readies his legs to land in the sand. One full step out of the blocks ahead of his nearest opponent, junior Kevin Keough (above) begins his 100 yd. sprint with teammate Tim Seneff in hot pursuit.

Baseball team kept up winning tradition

Anchored by a strong defensive unit and a balanced hitting attack, the 1976 Varsity baseball team persevered and managed a respectable season.

A total of eight returning letterman laid the foundation for the Pirate batsmen, as seniors Mark Blane, Artie Nuzzo, Dan Kuzma, Kevin McDonald, Bill Rathjen, Bob Zajac, Larry Lilly, and junior Rob Blagg all returned to bolster the attack. Probably stronger at the plate than in the field, the Pirates displayed ferocious hitting throughout the bulk of the season.

New to the Pirates this year was the changing of sectionals. The Pirates abandoned Junedale for the East Gary 'ourney and followed with a changing East Chicago regional.



Above: Catcher Dan Kuzma awaits the throw from the outfield as pitcher Larry Lilly backs up the play. Below: Junior Doug Miller warms up.



Above: After tagging the runner, second basemen Artie Nuzzo prepares to complete the double play. Below: Junior Rob Blagg slides safely into home.



1976 VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM—Back Row: Score keepers: Becky Heinz and Dale Metcalf. Bob Zajac, Larry Lilly, Pat Hassett (manager), ballboys Dan Metcalf and Dan Yole. Middle Row: Doug Miller, Kevin Carpenter, Greg Hanas, Bill

Souronis, Kevin McDonald, Mark Blane. Front Row: Dan Kuzma, Rob Blagg, Artie Nuzzo, Ron Bova, Nick Rusak, Dennis Pearman, Coach Metcalf.



Senior captain Mark Blane follows through enroute to a round-tripper; and is examined by Coach Metcalf (below), after receiving a slight injury sliding into second base.



Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
3,4	Joliet Catholic	18,4
1	E.C. Washington	4
4	Lowell	0
2	LaPorte	3
11	Portage	9
5,7	Andean	13,6
5	Valparaiso	2
3	Chesterton	1
3	Emerson	1
2	Hobart	1
7	M.C. Rogers	4
1	Wirt	2
0	LaPorte	1
10	Portage	5
1	Valparaiso	3
7,4	Crown Point	6,6
0	Chesterton	3
7	Calumet	1
14	Hobart	3
6	M.C. Rogers	7
9	Gary Roosevelt	3
5	Griffith	4
6	Lake Central	2
7,2	Munster	0,5



Above: Senior Kevin McDonald belts a line-drive double during a home game.

Below: Junior Nick Rusak is safe after reaching third on a fly to right.





ORGANIZATIONS



*Together
we are something.*

Charles Dickens

(1812-1870)

Student Council

Student Council Sponsored Non-Smokers Area



1975-76 Student Council: left to right, (first row); Mitch Mace, Georgene Schmit, Mark Reinhart, Vanessa Brasich, Craig Dobis, Dave Smith, George Christoff, Carry Henning, Kevin Konrady, George Nickolas, Vonnice Miller, Alison Peticord, Mark Wilkins, Mike Vale, Mike Kimberling, Nick Sarikos, (middle row); Shirley Tucker, Cathy Cur-

tis, Sujata Somani, Val Wicham, Melanie Duck, Leslie Mack, Donna Frey, Lori Adams, Val Pappas, Jim Waters, Micky Broadway, Carol Hancock, Theresa Shooter, Kim Seitzinger, Cara Springman, Toni Jiminez, Rick Jelske, John Strouia, Doug Miller, Gary Matekiuciz, (top row); Ted Zoumis, Mary Lipton, Kim Mihalek, Pat

Hames, Terry Chase, Stephanie Doyle, Darlene Fetkavich, Chelle Human, Jackie Vician, Kerry Patz, Pam Neal, Laura Rudolph, Janet Hansen, Sheree Bonich, Peggy Almendinger, Linda Parsons, Teri Jiminez, Mike Cloyd, Liz Tiernan, Martha Foster.

To increase council attendance and school-wide participation, student council meetings were held at various hours during the school day. An active Student Council this year resulted in answers to many student demands.

For the non-smoker, an area was provided opposite the smoking area. Any student could retreat there during activity period for a breath of fresh air with no cigarette smoke to bother them.

Student Council was also instrumental in the return of "Spirit Week". All "spirited" students spent 3 unofficial hours on Presidents Day at school decorating the halls to correspond with their class themes.

Once again the homecoming festivities were sponsored by the student council, under the direction of Mrs. Schmidt. The parade, powderpuff games, bonfire, and dance were all a part of many hours of careful planning.



1975-76 Student Council Officers: (top to bottom); Martha Foster, Secretary; Mike Cloyd, President; Jim Waters, Vice President; Stephanie Doyle, Treasurer.

National Honor Society

NHS pumped Gas for Funds



National Honor Society. (Back to Front), left to right; Lester Richter, Walter Piechocki, Terri Wilson, Lena Lozanoski, Mary Lipton, Annette Williamson, JoAnne Eich. 2nd row; Jeff Bianchi, Greig Crowder, Bob Oljace, Randy Tasseff, Tim Whetzel, Larry Lilley. 3rd row; Mark Blane, Chuck Allen, Milan Milivojevic, John Zorich, Dave Sharp, Julie Carr. 4th row; Darlene Fectic-

ich, JoAnn Lipski, Monica Wise, Shirley Gibbons, Nick Kottis, Mary Dinatale. 5th row; Kathy Polaski, Sandy Thorsteinson, Susan Dolatowski, Julie Saavedra, Julie Metz, John Kelly. 6th row; Pam Neal, Candy Haberkron, Katerina Andreatos, Jackie Vician, Andrea Dinatalie, Lana Tyler.

Getting into National Honor Society is not an easy task, and staying in is equally as difficult. To be inducted the student must carry a 3.4 grade average. To stay in the honor society the student must maintain their grades and comply with all rules. All members are required to wear their pins on Wednesdays or pay a small fine.

National Honor Society held one fund raising project. The club took over a gas station and pumped gas with profits going to them.

Two members from each chapter of the Society were eligible for Scholarships starting at \$1,000.

Speech and Debate

Speakers and Debators Took Many Honors

Talking their way through the year was the job of the speech club and the debate team.

The speech team made an impressive showing at the first meet of the year with Mary Lipton receiving a fifth place in poetry reading. Merrillville was well represented at Thornridge in November and North Judson and Chesterton in December.

The speech students also entered the local Voice of Democracy Contest, with Stacey Moses being declared winner by the judges. Stacey was honored at a banquet at San Remo's restaurant, receiving a trophy, medal, and certificate of achievement for herself and school.

Merrillville also competed in the Knights of Columbus Oratorical Contest with the topic "200 years—America As It Is and As It Should Be."

The speech club attended their 3rd annual Indiana State Oratorical Interpretation Festival in April.

The debate team retained their same debate topic for all of their meets. The team choose as their topic: "The Development and Allocation of Scarce World Resources Should be Controlled by an International Organization."

The team began the season by going to the first Calumet Forensic League. They discussed their topic at Highland and debated with Morton and Chesterton high schools.

The team came out even for the season.



1975-76 MHS DEBATE TEAM: (left to right) Mike Nommenson, Mrs. Armstrong, Tammy Kirby,

Mark Wilkens, Betty Lipton, Mary Lipton, Mrs. Hurt, Joann Eich, Andy Kyres.



1975-76 Quill and Scroll: (left to right): Jeff Williams, Tom Dogan, Pat Hassel, Joyce Evans, Ronda Burris, Bill Jones, Lori Patton, Dave Adams, Nadine Branch, Butch Haviza, Dean Wilson

Yearbook and Quill and Scroll

Yearbook Pushed to Meet Deadlines



1975-76 Yearbook: (left to right) row 1: Kim Dobis, Vikki Benjamin, Joyce Evans, Tom Dogan, row 2: Lori Adams, Micki Korac, Jodi Sydes, Kevin Spurlock, Kathy Krafft, Tim Nay, row 3: Bill

Stephan, Kathy Solich, Mark Blane, Pat Hassel, Doug Charochak, Kevin Heylin, Bill Jones, Sally Schiesser, Diane Moore. Yearbook editor Joyce Evans (left) plans what to

In a pinched economy, the staff of the '76 Merrillvue had to pinch pennies to put out the yearbook, but long hours and hard work finally paid off.

Section editors were appointed and everyone began drawing layouts and writing copy. Photographers were always kept busy taking pictures for someone.

In late May proofs were sent back and double checked for any errors. The book came out at the end of the summer, late enough to include the entire 1975-76 school year but early enough for most '76 grads to have their books in hand before going to college.

draw next on her final layout. (Below) George Kingsley Jr., representative from Herff Jones, goes over a page with advisor Mr. David Nesper.



French Club

Captured First Place on Float

The French club had a good start this year when its float, featuring a huge guillotine, placed first in the homecoming parade.

The active club members, along with their guests, went to view the "Christmas Around the World" display in Chicago. They highlighted the evening by dining in an exclusive French restaurant. Other club outings included seeing a French play in Chicago and going to the French festival in February. In March all club members got together for a fondue party.

During the school year French club sold taffy apples and candy to raise money for their various activities.

To close an active year a banquet was held at a French restaurant to honor all outgoing and incoming officers.



1975-76 French Club: front row, (left to right): Sandy Cippollone, Cathy Julovich, Sue Kujaca (historian), Jackie Jarosak (secretary), Evy Andreatos (president), Terri Jiminez (vice president), Vanessa Brasich (treasurer). row 2: Janice Hebert, Pauline Manilovich, Lena Lozanowski,

Joyce Lagenoek, Judy Lipske, Sujata Somani, Mary Puntillo, Betty Lipton. row 3: Robert Brooks, Patty Ferkull, Ellen Vossos, Wendy Mees, Katerina Andreatos, Robin Withers, Chris Souronis, Mrs. Callander (sponsor).



German club president Mary Lipton shows Simone Saberniak and other club members the flag of Germany.

German Club

Translated Plays to German



1975-76 German Club: front row (left to right): Pat Hassett, Gail Kniggendorf, Mary Rzetelny, Simone Saberniak, Jean Sharpe, Marilyn Bloede, Elaine Hicks, Mr. Hamilton (sponsor).

row 2: Steve Robinson, Tim Drabik, April Oliver, Sue Nichols, Jamie Reichart, John Lipton, Mary Lipton (president).

To raise money for their many activities, the German Club sold candy throughout the year. The club donated any extra money they had to the IU Honors Program, a program designed to send students to Germany to do more in-depth study of the German people, their language, and their country.

In December the club made a trip to Chicago to view the "Christmas Around the World" display. In March all club members got together for a bowling party.

The German club tried something different this year. They took short skits such as "Hansel and Gretel", and rewrote them in German. After many hours of rehearsal they performed for the Convescent Home.

To close the year a banquet was held at a German restaurant in Chicago.

Letterman Club

Speeches Taught Sportsmanship

The Letterman's Club this year was under the direction of coach Lee McCloud and coach Ken Haupt. They started out the year with a talk from coach Haupt about winning athletics.

The winter activities of the club were tobogganing followed by an ice skating party.

In the spring a picnic was held at Lemq Lake and further talks by various coaches were held.

At the last home basketball game of the season all the members of Letterman's club were introduced.



1975-76 Letterman: front row (left to right): Larry Flynn, Kevin Keough, Cathy Curtis, Jeff Bianchi, Dave Schaezel, Kevin McDonald, Jim Rongers. row 2: Kelly Keough, Leslie Mack, Heidi Kemperle, Kim Millus, Rick Jlesky, Scott Anderson, Jim Larson, Michell Tully. row 3: Donn Mohammed, Bill Rathjen, Larry Lilly, Georgine Schmidt, Judy Lipski, Nancy Dumond, Joanne Lipski, Marty Lipke, Jeff Parker. row 4: John Stroia, Leon Hurlburt, Lori Oriscani, Kim Mihalic,

Tim Bires, Steve Martin, Rob Bernal, John Kelley, Dean Neff. row 5: Mark Dakich, Tim Seneff, Nick Rusak, Doug Miller, Randy Shuman, Bill McFarland, Tom Beck, Pete Davidson, John Cone, Bob Danko, row 6: Coach McCloud, Craig Porpatt, Dave Rastovski, Estell Psimos, Gail Zeheralis, Martha Foster, Mary Ellen Gaven, Mark Blane, Micky Korac, Dan Kuzma. row 7: Coach Demaree.

Spanish Club

Spanish Foods Served at "Eat-In"



1975-76 Spanish Club: front row (left to right): Kenny Turner, Mrs. Bertram (sponsor), Linda Castellanos, JoAnn Eich. row 2: Tim Pavelka, Rhonda Demo, Diane Dawson, Blanche Nas-

tovski, Tina McEllis, Sue Dolatowski, Carol Pleva. row 3: Pam Gibson, Carol Kendron, Tom Gruber, Karen Gicks, Pat Collie, Jean Pappas, Cathy Klepack, Debbie West.

The Spanish club had a very active year. In October many days were spent working on decorations for a homecoming car entry. Then, to get into the holiday spirit, spanish club members went Christmas caroling.

In February an "eat-in" was held. Club members made various spanish dishes and had a smorgosboard. A bowling party was also held at the end of the month.

To end the year the Spanish club went to Turkey Run.

Pom Pon Girls

Pirateers Performed at Holdiay Concert

Among the many extra-curricular activities during the year, the Merrillville Pirateers devoted much of their time to parades, concerts, and athletic events.

With Mrs. Diane Rusak as their instructor, the Pirateers learned marching formations for the homecoming parade. They also learned routines for football and basketball games.

The highlight of the year was at the Christmas concert when the group performed as elves, toys, and dancers.

As a class assignment each girl had to make up a routine set to music.



1975-76 Pom Pon girls: row 1: Cindy Monyok, row 2: Cathy Curtis, Micki Broadway, Cathy Candiano, Cheryl Ray, Cindy Mitchell, Rhonda McPhearson. row 3: Terena Chiado, Cindy Jones, Sheree Flynn, Pam Kunstack, Sheree Bonich. row 4: Jeanette Dudak, Kathy Kerstaff, Kathy Rendinia, Cara Springman, Marian Tica.

row 5: Rose Galic, Mrs. Rusak. row 6: Julie Dudak, Paula Titak, Monica Schleicher, Sue Kapitan, Tula Kostandios, Donna Berget. row 7: Renee Chenor, Karen Gioni, Sally Samaria, Barb Summers, DeDe Hirsch. row 8: Shirley Tucker, Toni Jiminez, Judi Smith, Debbie O'rear, Kathy Kraft, Kathy Perry. row 9: Kathy Solich.



Practicing for a Friday night basketball game, the Pom Pon girls march to the tune of Shaft. Surrounded by shakers are the pom pon cap-

tions, Cindy Monyok, Rose Galic, and Kathy Solich.

Elves hosted "Crystal Dreams"



1975-76 FTA: row 1: Sue Wirtes, Carol Pleva, Kim Dobis, Janette Dudak, Mary Ann Dinatale, row 2: Sue Bowser, Barb Schuller, Kim Fox, Lena Lozanowski, Joann Lipski, Nancy Martin, Patty Klepack, Sue Nichols, row 3: Lynn Schafchuck, Jean Dogan, Sue Holderman, Wendy Mees, Patty Ferkull, Betty Lipton, Kathy Galanis, row 4: Mary-Lou Gratto, Stacy Mosses, Billie Vance, Stephanie Doyle, Cathy Klepack, Sue Kujaca, row 5: Janice Ruble, Lisa Reinhart, Darci VanMeter, Cindy Dudak, Laura Hoffman, Debbie Johnson, Sue Dolatowski, Raetta Harper, row 6: Vanessa Brasich, Pat Haymes, Julie Metz, Nancy Roberge, Bob Brooks, Cheryl Miller, Andrea Dinatale.

hanie Doyle, Cathy Klepack, Sue Kujaca, row 5: Janice Ruble, Lisa Reinhart, Darci VanMeter, Cindy Dudak, Laura Hoffman, Debbie Johnson, Sue Dolatowski, Raetta Harper, row 6: Vanessa Brasich, Pat Haymes, Julie Metz, Nancy Roberge, Bob Brooks, Cheryl Miller, Andrea Dinatale.

1975 started off a busy and successful year for FTA. To start the school year off, members became "elves" for teachers and the administration. An elf gave her faculty members gifts on holidays or just little friendly hellos throughout the year.

"Crystal Dreams" was the chosen name for the 1976 Turnabout held on January 24th. On February 13th the members gave a Valentine's party for the special Ed children at Fieler School. Each child received a gift, ice cream, and cookies.

Among other activities was a bonfire in November, the Teachers Breakfast in April, the annual banquet in May with the installation of new officers and cadet teaching in the spring.

The year ended with the "elves" revealing themselves to their teachers.

Homemakers Sold Stationary



1975-76 FHA: (left to right) Debbie Irons, Rhonda Strboc, Donna Reed, Mrs. Seale, (sponsor).

Under the supervision of Mrs. Seale, the Future Homemakers learned the essentials of good sewing techniques as well as good cooking habits.

With the new sewing labs the girls were able to learn how to sew on the newer model machine.

The updated cooking labs enabled the club members to test a bigger variation of dishes.

The club's annual money making project was selling stationary.

Sunshine Society

SSS Sold Valentine Carnations

With their main objective as helpfulness and kindness to others, the Sunshine Society, a state-wide organization, is celebrating their Diamond Jubilee year. For 75 years the clubs motto has been "Others" and they carry the emblem of the rising sun.

Mrs. Bovard acted as sponsor of the active Sunshine Society. In October they entered a car in the homecoming parade and went to a district convention. In November the sunshine girls chose as their fund raising project to sell bicentennial pins. Also for the first time they put together a basket at Thanksgiving for the needy.

Along with FTA the Sunshiners hosted a Christmas party for their local charity, the Trade Winds.

As a new project this year the girls sold carnations for valentines day. If the receiving boy or girl wanted to know who bought them the flower, they had to pay for the information.

For their march activity the sunshine girls made a visit to their state charity, Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

The Sunshine Society ended their active year with a mother-daughter banquet and installation of new officers.



1975-76 Sunshine Society: front row (left to right): Sue Wirles, Mary Rztelney, Cathy Klepack, Monica Wirles, Cheryl Miller, Mrs. Bovard. row 2;

Linda Castellanos, Patty Klepack, Nancy Martin, Evy Andreatos, Rhonda Burris, Rosemary Cloe, Pam Pluth, Lana Tyler.

Bookstore

Bookstore kept Students Supplied

Remodeling this year brought the students a bigger and better bookstore. Folders, typing paper, and oil paint could be purchased before school, during activity period, and on lunch hours. Working in the bookstore gave students a chance to meet and talk to many people and also gave them experience working with money.



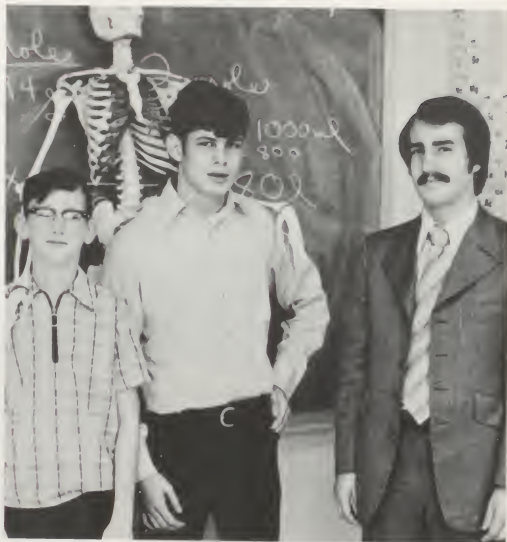
Smiling proudly from their new bookstore facility (sponsor), and Karen Hudspeth. are left to right; Chris Bergner, Mr. Choncoff

Science Club

Experiments aided Members

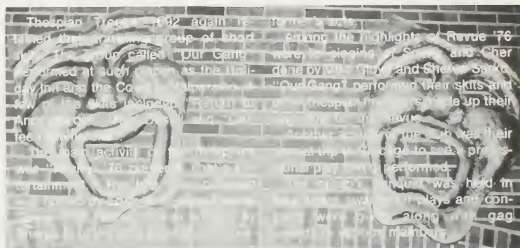
What the science club lacked in members, it made up in interest. They attended the Indiana High School Science Fair. The members were asked to assist 5th and 6th grade students on their science projects, giving ideas wherever possible.

The science club did many experiments in biology and chemistry. They tried to answer questions about temperature, light, and energy ratios. Much investigation was done on earth formation, in conjunction with the earth science classes.



1975-76 Science Club: (left to right); Kurt Dunkelberger, Bill Richards, Mr. Yovonovich (sponsor). In back; Pierre the skeleton.

"Revue '76" was Big Success



1975-76 Thespian Officers: (top to bottom); Doug Zale, Stephanie Doyle, Pat Haymes, Larry Dieffenbach, Terri Jimenez, Mark Reinhart, Sheree Sarko (president), Mr. Morrow (sponsor).



1975-76 Thespians: (left to right) row 1: Terri Jimenez, Stephanie Doyle, Liz Radokavich, Sue Kajaca, Mary Lou Gratto, Simone Saberniak, Cathy Curtis, Lana Tyler, Shirley Tucker, Robin Kemp, Sue Wirtes, Kim Dobis. row 2: Reata Harper, Ed Mitro, Stacey Mosses, Ed Numergut,

Mike Cloyd, Lisa Reinhart, Debbie Johnson, Belinda Boswell, Linda Jackson, Ronda McPhearson, Julie Klaus, George Nicholas, Bridget Hammang, Rich Rongers, Pat Haymes, Larry Dieffenbach, Mark Reingart, Sheree Sarko. row 3: Debbie Irons, Gary McCellan, Donna Bar-

ton, Patti Klepack, Cathy Klepack, Evy Andreatos, Dave Hudspeth, Mike Tuckek, Dale Tucker, Doug Zale, Vanessa Brasich, Jim Waters, Gordie Gamit, Rich LaFever, Mike Dowdy, Brant Bargfelt, Mr. Morrow (sponsor).

Choirs

Choirs Sang Their Way Through the Year



Concert Choir: (left to right): Tammy Tomasi, Sue Branson, Linda Jackson, Cindi Jones, Lori Broschart, Sandy Thorstensein, Michelle Suckey, Kathy Hawn, Sheree Bascom, Robin Kemp. row 2: Raetta Harper, Michelle Tully, Sue Kujaca, Vickie Funk, Melanie Duck, Kim Dobis, Janet Zenika, Debbie Johnson, Nancy Roberge. row 3: Jack Haymes, Curt Banett, Glenn Suss, George Nickols, Richard Leone, Mary Lou Grotto, Stacy Moses, Diane Klahn, Eline Murphy. row 4: Jim Waters, Rich Rongers, Dave

Hudspeth, Jeff Brant, Mark Rienhart, Nancy Lazzart, Jamie Smoot, Karen Samay. row 5: Rick Haussman, Doug Zale, Mike Tuckek, Fred Vertress, Mike Urycki, Cindy Bedome, Sheree Brown, Connie Froman, Kathy Kraft. row 6: Ed Mitro, Doug Fink, Gordy Gamet, Tim Miller, Tim Hogan, Rhonda McPherson, Jenny Lach, Laura Rudolph, Cheryl Underwood. row 7: Tom Ductman, Carl Fink, Joe Zaradich, Al Hirsch, Paul Haussman, Bob Brooks, Connie Soder, Kim Fox, Sheree Sarko.



Concert Choir: (left to right): Larry Dieffenbach, Jenny Lewis, Estelle Pismos, Shirley Tucker, Cathy Curtis, Jean Long, Stephanie Doyle, Laurel Harper. row 2: Sue Austin, Jenny Broadway, Pam Neil, Katerina Andreatos, Pam Pressley, Cathi Polaski. row 3: Lydia Jovanovski, Tammy Kirby, Dave Jatzcak, Tim Thompson, Mark Wyask, Brad Ditter. row 4: Christine Shooter, Patti

Vilero, Julie Klaus, Al Trazska, Floyd Carnes, Jack Baker. row 5: Kathy Pierce, Laura Hoffman, Beth Best, Joe Christy, Bob Krampian, Ron Harker. row 6: Lori Harker, Kathi Keough, Venesa Brasich, Brant Bargfeldt, Jeff Cozmaroff, Joe Hamang. row 7: Val Pappas, Denise Krayniak, Sue Holderman, Dave Schaezel, Terry Adylotte, Sam Garcia.

The 1975-76 Choral Season came into full swing with their annual money making project. This year the choir did something new and sold tupperware which proved to be a success.

The annual Christmas Concert which was held two nights combined the voices of the concert choir, girl's glee and vocalteens. For the first time WFLM taped the Christmas concert and played it on their radio station December 23.

The choirs traveled to the Southlake mall December 17 and sang a portion of their Christmas selections. On December 18 the choirs again combined voices and gave a convocation for the student body. January 18 the concert choir sang 3 selections for the first mid-term graduation.

January 31 marked the district solo and ensemble contest, held at Lew Wallace. The choirs entered with 70 solos, 25 piano solos, and 22 ensembles, the most entries in the choir history. All first place winners in first division traveled to Butler University for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

After practicing for 2 months, March 12 marked the annual Choral Festival which was held at Hobart. Seven high school choirs combined, practiced for almost 7 hours, and gave a performance that evening.

In May the choir held their annual banquet and gave out gag awards and pins. Their year ended with the spring concert, held two nights, with a salute to the bicentennial.



Girls Glee Club; (left to right); Chris Bannister, Diane Dudak, Roxanne Mattingly, Renie Majer, Judy Smith, Stacy Holom, Dorothy Zalcak, Marcia Wilkerson, Jean Sharpe, Toni Jimenez, Janet Montgomery, Dian Oros, Nancy Tokarz, Bridget Hamang, Melba Vasquez, Chris Harper, Lou Ann Nochun. row 2; Debbie Feilberg, Sue Nichols, Debbie Landos, Linda Lach, Lisa Richmond, Carol Wennich, Kerri Oliver, Lynn Metcalf, Mary Puntillo, Sheri Halstead, Cindy Janickovic, Kim Bade, Marie Mathews, Lauren Marovich, Barb Summers, Joyce Lagenoeck, Kim Leposky, Micky Broadway. row 3; Ellen Stockler, Jo Ann Millivoje-

vic, Patty Dinatie, Marleen Kordys, Becky Hines, Sharon Nichols, Belinda Boswell, Donna Reed, Vicky Stark, Lori Surprise, Dale Metcalf, Cathy Malenock, Daria Sawochka, Kim Earp, Theresa Shooter, Colleen Nay, Cara Springman, Sharon Krawczyk. row 4; Jean Pappas, Donna Serbin, Dee Dee Hirsch, Jeannie Spurlock, Michele Palmer, Kathy Abel, Dessa Samardzija, Laura Mihalick, Regina Clark, Lisa Reingart, Denise Ballmer, Debbie Irons, Darci VanMeter, Julie Wallin, Laura Lach, Debbie Johnston, Sue Waichulin, Chris McLaughlin, Sharon Seber.



1975-76 Vocalteens: (left to right); Robin Kemp, Larry Deifenbach, Doug Zale, Christine Shooter, Jeff Brant, Sandy Thorntenson, Jenny Lach, Joe

Christy, Jim Waters, Terry Adylotte, Candy Haberkorn, Laura Rudolph, Pam Neal, Jack Hostetler, Mike Tuckek, Mark Reinhart, Phil Chase,

Sheree Sarko, Jenny Broadway, Lori Broschart, Katerina Andreatos, Fred Vertrees, Terry Chase.

MHS band through



The bicentennial concert in February highlighted the 1976 band season. Mr. Frank Meltzer directed the band in a two hour commemorative concert while the art department supplied works which expressed their interest in the Bicentennial celebration.

Once again the band participated in the NISBOVA contests, capturing a record number of firsts in solo and ensemble competition. All first place winners went on to state competition.

Two money making projects were held to raise funds for new equipment. The band sold community calanders and citrus fruits. Both proved successful.

To close the year the band held their annual banquet, honoring outstanding members.



played way '75-'76 year

1) row 1: Patty Miller, Lana Tyler, Patty Klepack, Sue Soberjaski, Maria Manolovic, Mark Torp. row 2: Riki Freeman, Thalia Demittrakis, Lori Melter, Linda Hartman, Martha Foster, Donna Jaeger, Pauleen Manvilovich, Lisa Kaley 2) 1975-'76 Pep Band at a home game. 3) row 1: Lee White, Chris Kruzan, Ed Mains, Paul Kusemka, Dave Soberjaski, Jack Haymes, Jack Hostettler. 4) row 1: Cheryl Miller, Jodi Sydes, Dale Metcalf, Lori Surprise, Jill Beilfuss, Lynn Shafchuk, Joy Cummins, Karen Vinzani. row 2: Lynn Vagnone, Nancy Martin, Jamie Richardt, Ronda Strbac, Audre Swartout, Pat Reed, Carry Taber, Vicki Hawkins, Dawn Schutic, Brenda Denton, Donna Campbell. 5) row 1: Lori Hancock, Simone Saberniak, Monica Suss, Debbie West, Claudia Pawl. row 2: Tim Brooks, Janice Ruble, Karen Dockweiler, Ilene Hicks. 6) row 1: Greg Crowder, Mike Cloyd, Steve Robinson. row 2: Dale Tucker, Jeannen Gorgas, Dave Shepard, Terry Stanton, Scott Carnegie, Jim Foster. 7) row 1: David Sharp, Shelia DeLaRosa, JoAnn Roberts, April Oliver, Bill Swanson, Jeff Brant, Mike Hemmes. 8) row 1: Curt Dundelberger, Sue Bowser, Janet Dudak, Carol Hancock, Ken Bolvin. row 2: Sue Neville, Rick Malec, Scott Duncan, Tracy Collins, Dan Lehman. (Photos by Gordon Williams)





JV Cheerleaders: (left to right): Kerry Keough, Donna Johnston, Janet Montgomery, Carry Pieske, and Lynn Vagnone.

JV Cheerleaders

Sophomores gave J.V. teams a boost



(above): Introducing their spirit to the opposing team are JV Cheerleaders: Lynn Vagnone, Janet Montgomery, Carry Pieske, Donna Johnston, and Kerry Keough.

(right): Posing for the cameraman are back to front, Kerry Keough, Donna Johnston, Janet Montgomery, Carry Pieske, and Lynn Vagnone.

JV Cheerleaders played an important role in boosting the junior varsity team spirit. With their cheers they helped to create an atmosphere of spirit and excitement throughout the entire gym.

The JV girls attended football, basketball, wrestling, and all other athletic events to give their support to their JV men.

The girls attended summer camp to learn new cheers and formations for pep assemblies.





Reaching for success are the Varsity Cheerleaders (left to right): Micki Korac, Jill Mitchell, Evy Andreatos, Candy Haberkorn, Shirley Gibbons, and Chelle Human.

Varsity Cheerleaders

Increase in school spirit shown

The 1975-76 Cheerleaders were originally to have been three girls and three guys for fall and winter sports, and six other people for spring sports. Due to the lack of participation on the guys part the two sets of girl cheerleaders united and became one group

for all sports.

The Varsity Cheerleaders attended a summer seminar to brush up on their formations and learn some new cheers. The girls displayed their talents at all varsity events as well as at the pep sessions.



1975-76 JV and Varsity Cheerleaders. (left to right): row 1, Jill Mitchell, Kerry Keough, Micki Korac, Donna Johnston, Shirley Gibbons. row 2;

Carry Pieske, Evy Andreatos, Lynn Vaganone. row 3; Janet Montgomery, Chelle Human. top, Candy Haberkorn.

After-school jobs occupied free time

With the state of the economy in such bad shape, jobs were hard to come by for everyone.

Anyone who was planning on going to college had to begin job-hunting even earlier than usual. Students began looking for jobs near the end of their sophomore or in their junior year.

The building of Southlake Mall helped the student job-hunters immensely. Throughout the course of the year more stores opened in the mall giving more of a selection as well as a better chance of getting hired somewhere.



"Service with a smile" at Hickory Farms in Southlake Mall from Senior Mary Ellen Gaivin, as she offers to help find just the right cheese for her next customer.





Senior Jill Beilfuss (top) takes your check at the Walgreen's lunch counter.

Peggy Miller makes sure she has included all of the order before giving it to her Burger King customer.



Vikki Benjamin gives able assistance to a customer on Penny's 2nd floor women's department.



PEOPLE



*I have had playmates, I have
had companions, In my days of
childhood, in my joyful
school-days. All, all are
gone, the old familiar faces.*

Charles Lamb

(1775-1834)

1975-76 brought changes in personnel and facilities for administrators

The 1975-76 school marked Dr. Donn Kaupke's fourth year as Superintendent in the Merrillville Community School Corporation (renamed after last year). His fourth year saw many changes both in facilities and personnel.

The new administrative offices located north of the high school opened late in the '74-75 school year. Besides new facilities for the entire administrative staff, the new building houses the School Board meeting room.

Changes in personnel saw Mr. Oscar Boswell replace Dr. Lloyd Harrell as assistant superintendent for personnel and curriculum. Mr. Boswell moved up to the assistant superintendent's job after serving as an elementary principal and elementary coordinator in Merrillville for many years.

Mr. Ted Klooster came to Merrillville to replace Dr. Mundy who resigned at the close of last year to accept a superintendent's job out of state. Mr. Klooster serves as business manager for the Merrillville School system.

Mrs. Artie Taseff was named elementary coordinator, replacing Mr. Boswell at that job. She had been an assistant principal at Iddings Elementary.

New offices housed the administration in this new facility, as viewed from the high school.



Dr. Donn Kaupke, superintendent, completed his fourth year as superintendent in Merrillville.



Mr. Oscar Boswell moved from elementary coordinator to assistant superintendent this year.

Mr. Ted Klooster began his first year at Merrillville in the position of business manager.



Mrs. Artie Taseff became elementary coordinator, after serving as assistant principal at Iddings.



The Merrillville Community School Board this year was made up of (left to right) Ron Jones;

Maynard Krueger, Arthur Collins, president; Robert Klepack; and Phyllis Tulley.



New offices and high school renovation highlighted '76 school year



Mr. Robert Clark completed his third year at the helm of Merrillville High School in 1976.

As principal of Merrillville High School, Robert Clark completed his third year in 1976. His third year saw several changes both in the high school itself and in the policies covering the school.

Renovation began during the 1974-75 year and was completed during the '75-76 year. The renovation included complete remodeling of many rooms, the gymnasium, and the addition of art and shop areas.

Slight policy changes made the year interesting as well. The attendance policy and suspension policy were both altered slightly.

Mr. John Stone again served in the position of assistant principal, his fifth year in that capacity. He was kept quite busy with the attendance work.

Mrs. Marie Spurr was the third member of the high school administration, completing her third year as assistant principal while working on her doctorate at Indiana State University.



Mr. John Stone works on some attendance figures in his new office.



Assistant Principal Marie Spurr pauses from her work to be photographed.



The high school offices moved across the hall in 1975, occupying the space where the old

auditorium was. The new facilities were built with expansion in mind.

Secretaries, aids made offices run smoothly

Secretaries, teacher's aids, and library aids all helped to make MHS run smoothly in 1975. In the guidance office, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Hogan guided students through scheduling, while Mrs. Solich, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Nevelle helped in the library. The high school office was "womaned" by six familiar faces as Mrs. Richter, Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Halkais kept the teacher's aid room and the "sit and think" (study hall) room operational.



Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Hogan pause in their work in the Guidance Office. Their work included help with scheduling and the curriculum guide.



The high school office staff in 1975 was (left to right) Donna Homoky, Liz Frasca, Marlene Harmon, Dorothy Goetze, Juanita Jones and Shirley Barclay.



In the library, Librarian Burrus was ably assisted by (left to right) Vi Solich, Jean Smith, and Mary Nevelle (right) who helped Mr. Wooldridge in Audiovisual.

In the teacher's aid room, Diane Nixon (left) and Barbara Richter (right) kept the teachers supplied with test materials. Mary Halkais (center) kept students busy in the study hall.





MHS Cafeteria Personnel (left to right): Mary Cloyd, Sara Johnson, Mary Sierkowski, Mary Corey, Marsha Walton, Marilyn Green, Tiny Blair, Alice Zaikos, Arlene Phillips, Joan Nichols, Pau-

line Leto, Geraldine Koch, Norma Manis, Joan Bickle, Sheryl Hamersly, Leta Elmer, Ann Govert, Margaret Primish, Mari Lou Sims, Doris O'Rear.

Custodial, cafe crews grew in 1975

Keeping the school in good shape for students and faculty fell upon the shoulders of the custodial crew. The majority of the crew worked in the evenings, cleaning the building and preparing it for the next day's activities. The custodial crew grew in 1975 to accommodate the increased size of the building.

The cafeteria staff headed by Mrs. Mary Cloyd again kept MHS student's stomachs full at noon.



Helen Moravski



Ollie Clark



Bob Feczko



Barbara Abner



Lavonne Foster



Frank Perrin



Al Cortez



Al Nault



Josephine Wayne



Alvera Bolt, Fred McShane, Doris McShane, Frank Shoppa

Five teachers added to 1975-76 MHS faculty

Miss Galanis brushes before posing for her 1976 yearbook pictures.



Armstrong, Pat: 3 years at MHS; BA. from Indiana University; MA. from Purdue University. **Briney, Sharon:** 1 year at MHS; BA. from St. Mary of the Woods College; MA. from Valparaiso University. **Brown, Kay:** 2 years at MHS; BA. from Valparaiso University.



Carroll, Charles: 5 years at MHS; BA. and MS. from Purdue University. **Fry, Linda:** 4 years at MHS; BA. from Indiana University. **NW. Guerrero, Donna:** 9 years at MHS; BA. and MA. from North Texas University.



Kasarda, Jerald: 10 years at MHS; AB. from Indiana University; MS. from Purdue. **Koby, Barbara:** 8 years at MHS; BA. from Western Michigan University; MS. from Indiana University. **Lynch, Agnes:** 18 years at MHS; BA. from Mount Mary College; MA. from Valparaiso University.



Morrow, Joseph: 13 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana State University; **Nesper, David:** 3 years at MHS; BS. and MA. from Ball State University. **Padish, Charlotte:** 5 years at MHS; AB. from Indiana University; MA. from Valparaiso University.



Pavel, Christine: 5 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana University. **Thompson, Dorothy:** 1 year at MHS; BS. from Indiana University. **Woods, Bruce:** 4 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana University.





Fackler, Clifford: 16 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana University. *Hutchison, Max:* 17 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana State University. *Pigg, William:* 13 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana State University.



Rainford, Gerald: 17 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana University; MS. from Purdue University. *Wooldridge, Genevieve:* 11 years at MHS; BS. from Southern Illinois University. *Yeoman, Boyd:* 12 years at MHS; BS. from St. Joseph's College; MS. from Purdue University.

Inservice training day discussed "Humanness"



Mrs. Lewis paints a pirate on the new gym floor.



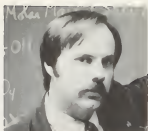
Kraus, Walter: 3 years at MHS; BA. from Valparaiso University; MA. ED. from Towson State College.



Lewis, Sherman: 8 years at MHS; BS. and M.A. from Ball State University. *Matysiak, Shirley:* 6 years at MHS; AA. from Stephens College; BS. from Purdue University; MS. from Indiana University. *Stotts, Diane:* 2 years at MHS; BS. from Drake University; MA. Ed. from Oakland University.

Banas, David: 1 year at MHS; B.S. from Indiana University. *Dun-scombe, Miles*: 10 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana University; MS. from Purdue University. *Fansler, Steve*: 2 years at MHS; BS. from Florida State University; MA. from Indiana University.

Kahler, James: 2 years at MHS; BS. and MA. from Ball State University. *Vermillion, James*: 16 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana State University; MA. from Brown University. *Yovanovich, Walter*: 2 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana University.



English Department re-worked "phase" program

Cameron, Thomas: 3 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana State University. *Demaree, Richard*: 30 years at MHS; BS. from Northwestern University; Graduate work at Purdue and Akron. *Ebler, Richard*: 10 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana State University.

Galanis, Mary Ann: 7 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana University. *Hurt, Margaret*: 3 years at MHS; BA. from University of Arkansas. *Johnson, Allyn*: 1 year at MHS; BA. from California State University; MS. from Indiana State University.

Nabnan, Randall: 9 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana University; MA. LS. from Valparaiso University. *Nesper, David*: 3 years at MHS; BS. and MA. from Ball State University. *Schmidt, Katherine*: 7 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana University; MS. from Indiana State University.

Talmadge, Eugene: 17 years at MHS; BS. from Murray State University; MS. from Valparaiso University. *Walter, Gerald*: 9 years at MHS; BA. from St. Joseph's College; MA. from Ball State University.





Armontrout, William: 15 years at MHS; BS. from Central Methodist College; MS. from Indiana University. *Little, Larry:* 3 years at MHS; BS. from Hanover College; MS. from Xavier University. *McCloud, Lee:* 5 years at MHS; BS. from Slippery Rock State; MS. from Indiana University.



Meggenhofen, Pat: 4 years at MHS; BA. from Purdue University. *Metcalf, William:* 17 years at MHS; BS. from Valparaiso University; MS. from Indiana University. *Molchan, Dan:* 13 years at MHS; BS. from Purdue University; MS. from Indiana State University.



Rusak, Diane: 3 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana University. *Schafer, Joanne:* 1 year at MHS; BS. from Valparaiso University; MS. from University of Toledo.

Remodeling was finally completed at year's end



Meltzer, Frank: 24 years at MHS; BS. from Dantenbury College; Graduate work at Ball State University. *Reinhart, Jerauld:* 22 years at MHS; BME. from Indiana University; MME. from Roosevelt University.



Dailey, James: 5 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Stout State University. *Novak, George:* 10 years at MHS; BS. from Ball State University; MS. from Loyola University. *Semokaitis, Stanley:* 29 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana State University.



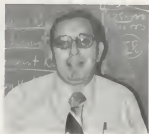
Teeter, David: 6 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana State University; MS. from Purdue University, Calumet. *Ward, Jerry:* 2 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana State University. *Watson, William:* 2 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana State University.

Rennovation brought many needed changes to MHS

Ambroziak, Beverly: 4 years at MHS; BS. from Ball State University; MS. from Indiana University. **Bothwell, Robbie:** 24 years at MHS; BA. from Valparaiso University; MS. from Indiana University. **Bovard, Grace:** 28 years at MHS; BS. and MA. from Indiana University.



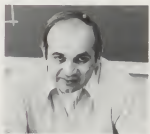
Brunton, Helen: 22 years at MHS; BS. from Central Normal College; MS. from Indiana University. **Choncoff, Chris:** 11 years at MHS; BA. from Western Michigan University; MA. from Indiana University. **Gland, Terry:** 7 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana University.



Kolodziej, Florence: 6 years at MHS; BS. from De Paul University; MS. from Indiana University. **Koontz, Jack:** 1 year at MHS; BS. from Ball State University. **Leas, Gladys:** 17 years at MHS; BS. and MA. from Ball State University.



Mixell, Ray: 6 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana State University; MS. from Indiana University. **Mumaugh, Sharon:** 2 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana State University. **Stevens, Wanda:** 10 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana University.



Burrus, Leona: 18 years at MHS; BA. from Valparaiso University; MA. from Indiana State University. **Gaffrey, Elizabeth:** 2 years at MHS; BS. from State University College, New York.



Wooldridge, Velven: 11 years at MHS; BS. from Southern Illinois University; MS. from Purdue University. **Lorentz, Gordon:** 5 years at MHS; BS. from Pennsylvania State University.





Bertram, Mary Ann: 6 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Indiana University. *Callender, Patricia:* 8 years at MHS; BS. from Ohio State University; MS. from Indiana University. *Hamilton, Raymond:* 1 year at MHS; BA. and MA. from Western Michigan University.

Department offices added in Art, English, Social Studies



Kirtland, Fern: 15 years at MHS; BS. from University of Wisconsin; MS. from Indiana University. *Seale, Katherine:* 20 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Purdue University. *Von Behren, Carol:* 7 years at MHS; BS. and MS. from Eastern Illinois University.

Senior Mike Bookas thanks Mr. Mixell for the help.



Alexander, Mary: 2 years at MHS; BS. from Illinois State University.

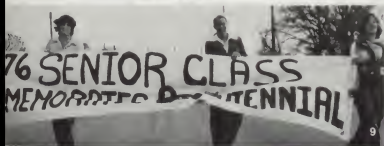


Branstrom, Carole: 5 years at MHS; BS. from Indiana University. *Lewis, Eleanor:* 12 years at MHS; Graduate of Fort Wayne Art Institute; BS. from Ball State University; MS. from Indiana University. *Stewart, Mildred:* 12 years at MHS; BFA. from Wittenberg University; MS. from Indiana State University.



1—Vikki Benjamin. 2—Rich Poling. 3—Fred Ver-trees, Mark Blane, Laura Rudolph, Mary Ellen Gavin. 4—Sandy Thoresteson, Sheila De LaRosa, Sharon Tournai. 5—Mark Blane. 6—Steve Blimm. 7—Cathy Polaski. 8—Kevin Underwood. 9—Pam Neal, Sharon Tournai, Kerry Pates, Jenny Broadway. 10—Liz Tiernan. 11—Kevin Heylin, Doug Charochak. 12—John Zorich, Mary Ellen Gavin, Randy Taseff.

S E N I O R S





Teressa Adams
Ken Adler
Steve Agent
Gerald R. Aimutis
Suzanne Albrecht

David Allitt

Mark Allitt

Charles S. Allen

Ava Lynn Andreatos

Dia Andreatos



Katerina Andreatos

David Arrensen

Sue Austgen

Timothy Aydelotte

Mark Aznar

Darlene Badie

Susie Bajza

Rita Baltz

Michael S. Banchy

Brant Bargfeldt



Thomas Barneck

Jill Beiffuss

Karen Bellafiore

Vick Benjamin

Fred Bercau

Christine Bergner

Lisa Berndt

Jeff Bianchi

Cynthia Black

Doug Black



Mark Blane
Steve Blimm
Mary Bohling
Steve Bohn
Sheree Bonich



Susan Bowser
Jeffrey S. Boyd
Dale Boyer
Judith Bradach
Nadine Branch

Susan Branson
Jeffrey E. Brant
Monica Brewer
Anita Bridgewaters
David Briggs



Jennifer Broadaway
Laurie Broschart
Rick Brumly
Tana Bryant
Sharolyn Buchfuehrer



Seniors Brant Stewart, Louie Trains and Chel Trocha show off in Mr. Semokaitis class.



Judy Buchko

Carol Burke

Ronda Burris

Kathleen Candiano

Marie Cardenas

Mike Carija

Bryan Carl

Julie Carr

Jeff Carter

Lucile Celorio



Lee Certa

Doug Charochak

Terrence Chase

Sharon Chentnik

Anastasia Chinieltris

Joseph Christy

Sharon Christy

John Churilla

Emi Cloni

David Clark



Tracy Applegate, Laura Rudolph, Mike Downy and
Betsy Lamb perform with the Vocalists



Michael Floyd
 Karen Ladispotti
 Miles Cohen
 Tracy Collins
 Tom Combs



Mary Comerford
 William Connors
 Diane Corson
 Craig Covaciu
 Mary Jo Cox

Lisa Cross
 Gregg D. Crowder
 Delores Cuevas
 Kim Culver
 Joy Cummins



Pete Cusumano
 Curtis Dainton
 Robert Danko
 Garry Danyi
 Kathy Davidson

Daniel Davies
 Daniel Davis
 Lori DeBoy
 Lori DeFoor
 Sheila DeLaRosa



Peter Demitrak's
 Peggy Deppe
 Larry Dieffenbach
 Andrea Dinatale
 Mary Ann Dinatale



Kim Dobbs
William Doeing
Susan Dolatowski
Stephanie Doyle
Julia Dudak

Ronald Dunn

Kathy Durk

Patricia Duron

Deanna Dykstra

Kelly Eaton



JoAnn Eich
Chester Elich
Joyce Evans
Cheri Farrell
Michael Feryo

Darlene Fetkavich

Kenneth Fiebelkorn

Karen Fileff

Evan Firpo

Kim Flauding



Martha Foster
Kim Fox
Kathy Fraley
Mary Franko
Riki Freeman

Rose Galic

John Gallagher

Zina Gallo

Keith Gaskey

Thomas Gault



Mary Gawe
Lissa Gomboski
Stanley Gibson
Jan Gieschen
John Gieschen



Sunday January 18, 1976

122 graduated at mid-term ceremonies



Mark Golt
Edward Gubersky
Mark Gury
Michael Guba
Pamela Gustin

Mary Gulab
Nora Gurka
Terry Gusk
Patricia Hale
Charles Hamilton



Jerrel Hansen
Vince Harblasek
Denise Hardt
Laurel Harper
Gary Harrison



Stephen and Denise Michon discuss the possibility of taking a poster session on time.





David Hoffmann

John Hodge

Richard Hines

Tim Johnson

Gregory Johnson

Paul Hunsicker

Cynthia Ivie

Patricia Haynes

Tony R. Hendrick

Larry Hines



James Hope

Karen Huddleston

Carol Hines

Michelle Hines

Cynthia Hunt



Mary Hunt

Kimberly Hunt

Michael Hunt

Sandy Hunt

Dennis Hunt



David Johnson and John Hodge, both the students' best for Males' Achievement Day.





William & Thomas
 Elizabeth Taylor
 William Taylor
 Anne Taylor
 John Taylor



John Taylor
 William Taylor
 Anne Taylor
 John Taylor
 William Taylor

William Taylor
 Anne Taylor
 John Taylor
 William Taylor
 Anne Taylor



William Taylor
 Anne Taylor
 John Taylor
 William Taylor
 Anne Taylor



Lee Marston, Sherry Fisher, Lynn Davis and
Lynn Peterson pose in a nonchalance pose.



Patricia Joyce
Mary Kacmar
Debra Kaser
Rudolph Kospiten
Brenda Kaurman

Cynthia Keen
Richard Kuever
John Kuey
Nancy Kuey
Robin Kuey



Robert Kephire
James Kenilox
Doris Knicker
Craig Klein
Linda Klazee

Philip Klotzky
Cathy Klotzky
Robert Klein
Raymond Kueh
John Kueh



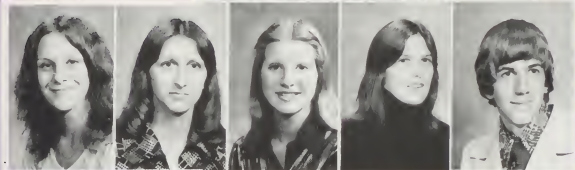
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Deborah Kanja

Melissa Konic

Rita Korte

Linda Kourimov



Kathryn Kramiec

Dorene Krieger

Mary Krol

Karen Krol

Mary Krieger

Christine Krizan

Kris Koko

Debra Kurik

Danny Kuzmick

Linda Kuzmick



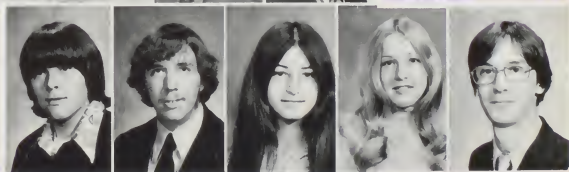
Herman Lape

Jerry LeCours

Ten Last

Emily Lawson

Kevin Lither



Barbara Lytle

Cheryl Laid

Scottie Laid

Richard Laid

David Laid



Gayle Laid

Lynn Laid

Scott Laid

Mary Laid

Lynn Laid

October 24, 1975

Homecoming provided "Reflections of Vestal year"



Steve L. ...

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Carly Montemayor
 Cynthia Maynar
 William Magee
 Lee Morrison
 Teresa Mullen

Deborah Murray

Gary Nadolski

Cory Nagy

Ken Nahod

Thomas Neal



Steve Nelson
 Mary Newlin
 Terry Nichole
 Edwin Niles
 Arthur Nuzzo

Robert Odar

Russell Ojice

Faye Ortlway

Debra O'Rear

John Orman



Lynn Gros
 Geraldyn Ostrzowski
 Diane Ozimec
 Cathy Ozug
 Susan Pawlansky

Suzanne Palmateer

John Pappas

Judith Pappas

Linda Pateanu

Lisa Patton



Mary Peck
 Stephanie Peck
 James Peckman
 Mary Peck
 Shana Peoples



Mare Petrides
 Con Petrolli
 Sean Petruskey
 Diane Pilbrowh
 George Pissano



Edward Phillips
 Willie Plechocki
 Carol Pleva
 Gailly Posak
 Richard Posing



Elaine Popovitch
 Michael Pops
 Lynn Poul
 James Pounik
 Harry Pounik



James Pounik, Chairman, Pounik is in the
 room in the Pounik house.



Government-econ students sweated one more year



Catherine Blackburn

David Paulson

William Smith

Douglas Price

Jack Kneibauer

Catherine Blackburn

David Paulson

William Smith

Douglas Price

Jack Kneibauer



David Kneibauer

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David Kneibauer and David Kneibauer
are members of the government-econ club.

James Williams
 Gregory Williams
 Amanda Doe
 David Thomas
 Mary Smith



John Smith
 Mary Smith
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Douglas Smith
John Snelgrove
Susan Sobolewski
Conita Soder
Kathleen Sowa

Christine Southerns

David Spacht

Scott Spain

Robin Spencer

Kevin Spurrick



Don Stanfordski
Randy Standen
Michael Stark
Martha Stehinger
Dawn Stewart

Erinide Storey

Debbie Stowell

David Sudgens

Karen Sull

Sharon Sutervey



Sally Swenson
George Swanson
Jodi Sydnor
Timothy Tally
Nancy Tausch

Tamara Teller

Christina Thomas

Russell Thomas

Debra Thomas

Kevin Thomas



Sandra Thomsen

Elizabeth Thomsen

Suzanne Thomsen

Paula Telle

Sharon Tammela



Class of 1976

Senior memories will last forever



Mark Turner

David Tyler

Ernest Underwood

Brian Vile

Tim Rahnberg

Annabry Twigg

Lynda Toole

Jane Thomsen

Eric Toonen

Gloria Turman



Amend Vargas

Carl Wilcox

Frederick Wirtz

Rebecca Wisnart

Mary Wolfe

Edna Vonnas

Leanne Wagon

Brian Wallace

Daniel Ward

Robert Ward





Janet Warren
William Warren
Tim Warren
Don Western
Sandy Wilkins

Shirley Williamson

Jeffrey Williamson

Gene Moore

Dean Wither

Tom Wilson



Donald White
Dean White
Mona White
Lynn White
Robert White

Arthur White

Paul Whitehead

Bruce Whitehead

Barry White

Clarence White



Robert White
Lynn White
Lynn White
Lynn White
Lynn White

Thomas White





1. The Student Body
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 5. The Student Body

Upper 5 per cent

Top 30 seniors showed academic spirit

In the time when it seemed that the emphasis on formal education was on the wane, it was still refreshing to look back to see that there were still students who excelled while in high school. The students pictured on these pages represent the top 5 percent of their graduating class. These 30 people maintained the high educational standards of Merrillville High School, and joined their former classmates in showing people outside Merrillville High School that MHS has its fine young adults too.

The top 30 students listed here are shown in alphabetical order. It was not the intent to show class rank, but to honor those students who excelled during their high school careers.



Katerina Andreatos



Jeffrey Bianchi



Mark Blane



Tana Bryant



Lori DeFoor



Andrea Dinatale



Mary Dinatale



Susan Dolatowski



Stephanie Doyle



Joann Eich



Darlene Fetkavich



Shirley Gibbons



Edward Grabczyk



Candy Haberkorn



Nick Kottis



Mary Lipton



Lena Lozanoski



Pamela Neal



Diane Ozimec



Walter Piechocki



Carol Pleva



Lester Richter



David Sharp



Christine Souronis



Sandra Thorsteinson



Lana Tyler



Jacqueline Vician



Tim Whetsel



Teri Wilson



Johnny Zorich



J U N I O R S



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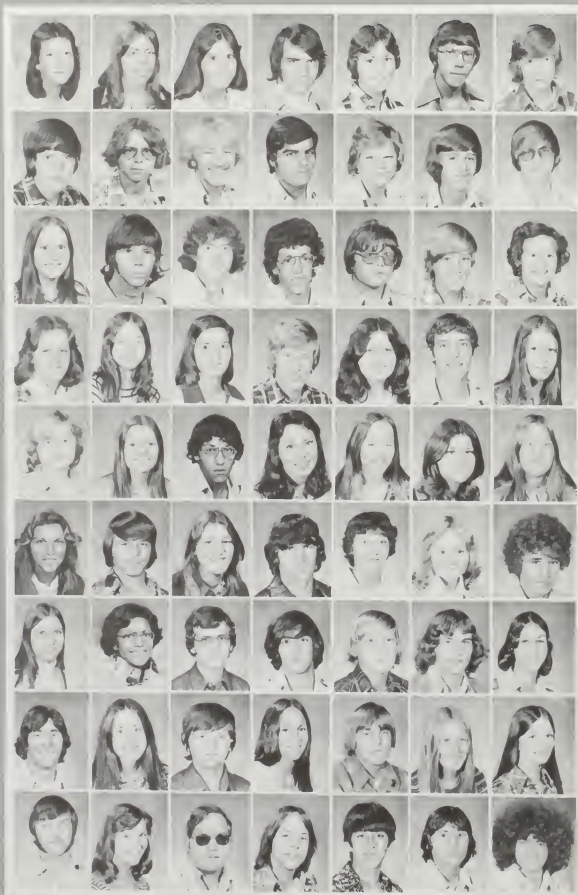


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Paul Cornwell, Victor Chelmsky
 Anne Chelmsky, Edna Chelmsky
 Corinne Cornwell, Loretta Cornwell
 Jack Cornwell, Catherine

Barb Simmond, Kelly Chelmsky
 Eric Grap, Thomas Chelmsky, Bob
 Chelmsky, David Chelmsky, George
 Chelmsky

Ted Cornwell, Rosemary Cornwell
 Carolyn Cornwell, Patricia Cornwell
 Lisa Cornwell, Howard Cornwell
 Barbara Cornwell

Stephen Cornwell, Loretta Cornwell
 Allan Cornwell, Carol Cornwell
 John Cornwell, Patricia Cornwell
 Christopher Cornwell, Lisa Cornwell

Larry Cornwell, Kathy Cornwell
 John Cornwell, Barbara Cornwell
 James Cornwell, Peter Cornwell
 Victor Cornwell

David Cornwell, David Cornwell

David Cornwell, David Cornwell

John Cornwell, David Cornwell

David Cornwell, David Cornwell

David Cornwell, David Cornwell

Victor attempts to show his teaching prowess as he tries to get the class to sing during Assembly Period.



Ben Denny, Jean Dixon, Eric
Dunham, James Emery, Mike
Evans, Gary Gable, Timothy
Gable

Kathleen Dwyer, Melissa
Elliott, Cindy Euder, Jennifer
Duke, Ben Edwards, James
Dunn, Nancy Duford

Paul Ewens, Susan Eym
Helen Eym, Susan Eym, Ben
Eym, Mark Eym, Patricia
Eym

William Felt, William Felt,
Angela Felt, David Felt,
John Felt, Deborah Felt,
Debra Felt

Debbie Felt, Patricia Felt,
Timothy Felt, Gary Felt,
Debra Felt, Eric Felt,
Debra Felt

Philip Felt, Kevin Felt,
Mark Felt, David Felt,
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Thomas Felt, Thomas Felt,
Mark Felt, David Felt, David
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Keith Felt, David Felt, David
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David Felt, David Felt,
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Mary Felt, David Felt, David
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Earl Hansen, Joseph Manning,
Greg Hansen, Ronald Hansen,
Cheryl Hansen, Carl Hansen,
Thomas Hansen

Lucinda Berglund, Cecile Lickert,
Ann Hartley, Jim Hartley, John
Hartley, Thomas Hartley, John
Hartley

Chris Hart, William Hansen,
Robert Hansen, Gordon
Hansen, Richard Hansen, Ed-
ward Hansen, Larry Hansen

Marlene Hennings, Greg Hennings,
Doreen Hennings, Barbara Hen-
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nings, Russell Hennings

Wendy Hill, Joseph Hill, Don-
ald Hill, Mary Hill, Robert
Hill, Susan Hill, John
Hill, Mary Hill

Theresa Hildebrand, Susan
Hildebrand, John Hildebrand, Elise
Hildebrand, Debra Hildebrand, Peter
Hildebrand, Gary Hill

Lois Hiltunen, Fred Hiltunen,
John Hiltunen, Susan Hiltunen,
Barbara Hiltunen, Carl Hiltunen, Ed
Hiltunen

John Hiltunen, Fred Hiltunen,
Theresa Hiltunen, Mary Hiltunen,
Barbara Hiltunen, Susan Hiltunen,
David Hiltunen, Linda Hiltunen

John Hiltunen, Fred Hiltunen,
Theresa Hiltunen, Mary Hiltunen,
Barbara Hiltunen, Susan Hiltunen,
David Hiltunen, Linda Hiltunen

Kenneth Hiltunen, John Hiltunen,
Mary Hiltunen, Susan Hiltunen,
Barbara Hiltunen, David Hiltunen,
Linda Hiltunen



Juniors took Powder Puff honors



Larry Alexander, second place
Erin Cline, third place



Kimberly McArthur, first place
Melissa King, second place



Mary McArthur, first place
Melissa King, second place



Julianne McArthur, first place
Melissa King, second place



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Lee Ann, Roger Smith, Paul Miller,
Jeff Johnson, Matthew, Thomas
Johnny, Joe Miller, Larry Miller

John, Mike, Jeffrey, Cheryl,
Linda, Christopher, Steven, Gary,
Robert, Dennis, Chae, Cynthia,
Christy, Debra

Jonathan, Cheryl, Brian, Thomas,
Paul, Steven, Kurt, David, Eric,
Perry, Phillip, William, Thomas,
Dennis, Henry

Jeff, Patricia, Kim, Paula, Bruce,
Theresa, David, Thomas,
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Johnny

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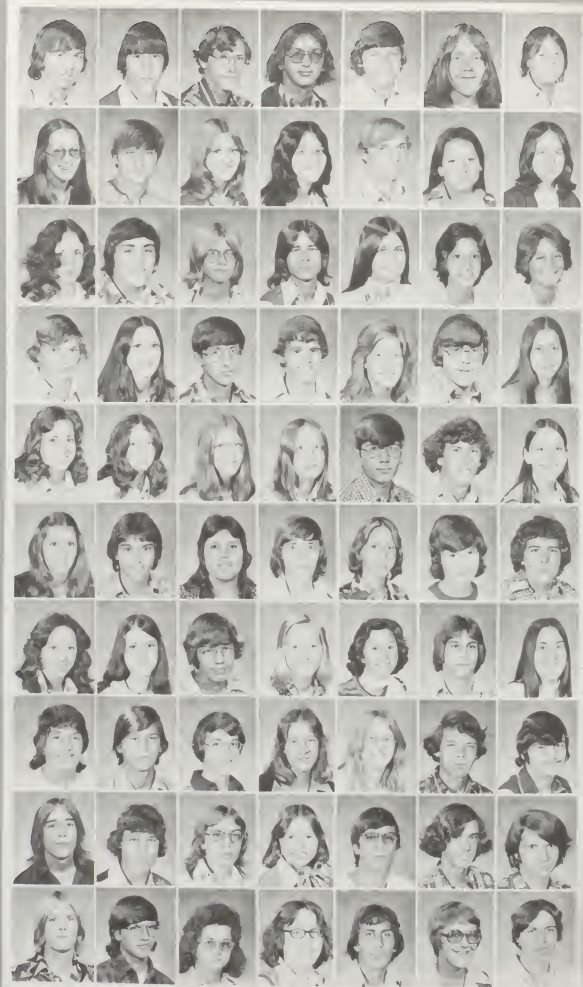
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Christopher, Gary, Eric, Thomas,
Mark, Robert, Dennis, William,
Tom, John, Thomas, Scott, David,
Lee, John, Thomas

Michael, William, John, Robert,
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Laura Johnson, Anna Johnson,
Kathy Johnson, Robert Smith,
John Peterson, Marlene Smith,
Robert Smith

Dan Schwab, Dale Schwab,
Elizabeth Miller, Michael Miller,
Tom Miller, Christopher Miller,
Christopher Miller

William Schindler, Barbara
Schindler, Jeffrey Schindler, Tom
Schindler, David Schindler,
Robert Schindler, John Schindler

Dan Schindler, William Schindler,
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Dorothy; Thompson, Michael;
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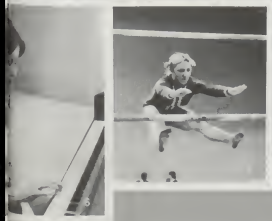
Thomas, William; Thomas, William

In Memory

Robert W. Hanks
(1939-1975)



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Sophs managed to get through 'rookie' year

Karen Abel Jeff Ableser, Allison Adams, Rose Marie Adler, Dayne Allen, Mark Alienspach, Jay Almendinger

Yvonne Andros, Dorothy Antic, Chrystel Antonakis, Terry Aydenitto, Bob Ayers, Joe Aznar, Kimberly Bada

Sandra Bailey, Jack Baker, Mike Belas, Brenda Balash, Denise Belimer, Doug Ballou, Margaret Belunda

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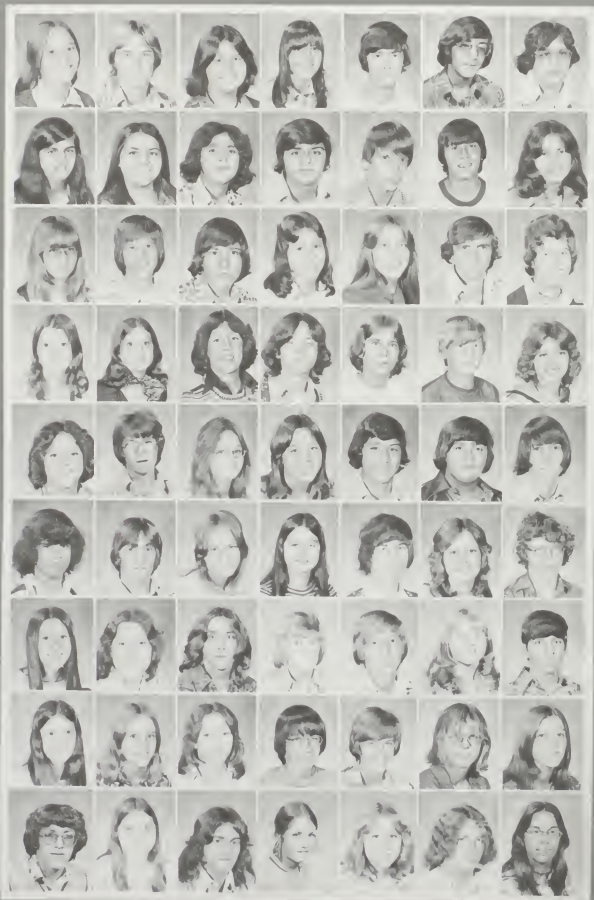
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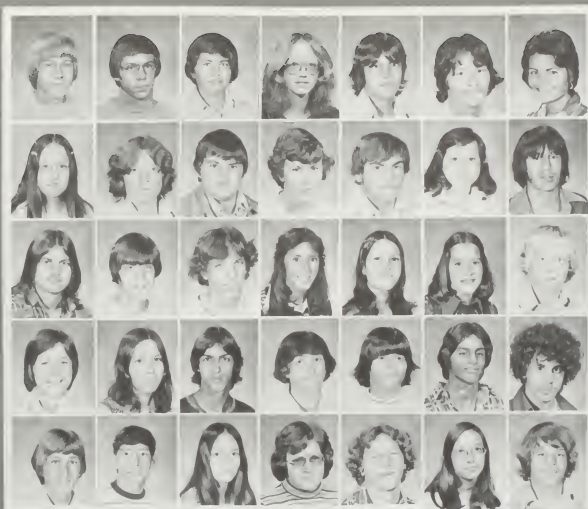
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Nancy Bohn, Belinda Boswell, Paul Bowman, Sandy Bowman, Bruce Brankie, Pamela Braun, Michael Bridgewater

Michelle Breadaway, Nancy Briscoe, Lisa Bryant, Jeff Bryner, Jeff Bushrie, Mike Bukur, Stephanie Buncich

Lois Burell, Cynthia Buring, Brett Caldwell, Donna Campbell, Sandy Campbell, William Canron, Cathy Cardenas





Wesley Carlson, Scott Carnegie, Mike Carmello, Lynn Carstensen, Richard Castellanos, Jesse Castro, Helen Ceko.

Marsha Chadd, Tony Chadd, Mark Chandler, Phillip Chase, Michael Cheiovich, Debra Chiado, Joseph Chiado.

Mike Chisko, Dave Chrisspell, Jory Churley, Karen Cloni, Regina Clark, Cheryl Combs, Jon Cone.

Melanie Conley, Pam Cooper, Tim Codespoti, Mike Coredig, George Costakis, Thomas Costakis, George Coveris.

Jeff Cozmanoff, Jerry Crowder, Judy Crownover, Lori Cunningham, Mark Dakich, Patricia Danko, Joel Davies.

Greg Davis, Carolyn Dayhoff.

Nancy DeFoor, Thalia Demtrakis.

Rhonda Demo, Brenda Denton.

Penny Deppe, Petty DiNatale.

Craig Doble.

The Sophomore float in the Homecoming parade took second place with its theme of "Whitewash the Devils."



Barbara Dräpp, Diane Dudak,
Patricia Duggan, Thomas Dume-
man, Kirk Dunkelberger, Donna
Durkin, Alice Duron.

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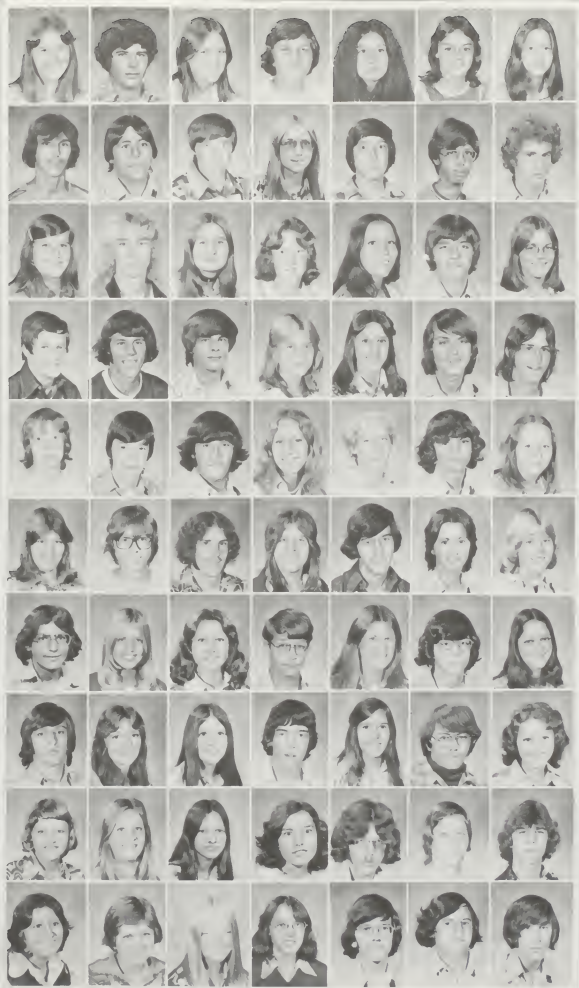
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Pamela McGulre.

Charlotte McKee, Mary McKee,
Christine McLaughlin.

Mark Mecchia, Lisa Mehay,
Scott Mellinger.

Douglas Menacher, Mike Mes-
tousis, Lynn Metcalf.



Debby Irons, Helen Ceko and Doug Zale rehearse a scene
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Scott Mihal, Laura Mihalick, Su-
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sanne Mikuly, Jo Ann Miliwojovic,
Mike Miller.

Yvonne Miller, Mark Milosovich
Slavica Minic, Cindy Mitchell
Roger Modrowski, Richard Mon-
tasiewicz, Janet Montgomery.

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Lora Moore, Steve Moore, Bill
Moran, Michael Morris, Joe
Moser.

Rick Mriscin, Dan Mroz, Theresa
Mueller, Dan Nadolski, Blanche
Nastowski, Colleen Nay, Ed
Nemergut.

Susan Neville, Brad Newlin
Linda Newton, George Nicholas,
Sharon Nichols, Susan Nichols,
Melissa Nightengale.

Lisa Ann Nuthman, Jane Nuel,
Mike Nommensen, Linda Norris,
April Oliver, Kerri Oliver, Sandra
Oljace.

Richard Olovich, Carol Olsen,
Michael Oprisko, Diane Oros,
Starr Padol, Michelle Palmer,
Carlyle Papp.

Jeri Pappas, Cindy Parker,
Timothy Parake, Claudia Pawl,
Todd Pawl, Jeffrey Pawiak, Allison
Peddiford.

Mark Perko, Sharon Pheanis,
Gail Phillips, Larry Phillips, Cissi
Philpott, Carrie Pieske, Bob
Polling.

Mike Poxon, Mary Ann Pozniak,
Bernie Proffitt, Mike Palmos,
Mary Puntillo, Rose Puskar,
Mike Qualizza.

Lisa Rajalich, Debra Ramos,
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Rita Renner, Scott Reno, Terry
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leen Rivera, Stephen Robarge,
Dorothy Robinson, Steven Rob-
inson, Chayley Rodgers.

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dine Roknich, Richard Rongers,
Marilyn Rose.

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owski, Eugene Roy, Ronnie
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Karen Ruffing.





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Solman, Rhonda Saucer, Dana
Sawochka, John Schilling, Do-
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Gali Schreiber, Kathy Schubert,
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Schulz, Tammy Schurg.

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Jean Sharpe, Jim Shawyer,
Charles Sherrick, Paula Sher-
wood, Bill Shirley.

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Pam Spicer, Tim Spicer.

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main, Gordon St. Martin, Gary
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ton, Victoria Stark, Richard
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Stinson, Ellen Stockler.

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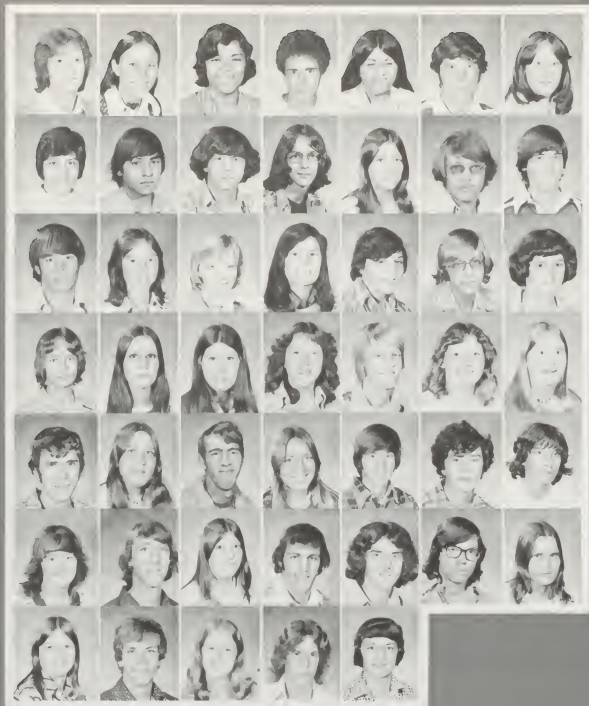
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Mark Wilkins, Joyce William, B. Williams, Kathy Willingham, Jim Wilson, Richard Wilson, Bill Wise.

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C

KATHY M. CANDIANO: gymnastics 10; pep club 9; pom-pon squad 12. **BRYAN C. CARL:** hockey 9,10,11,12; track 9. **JULIE CARR:** gymnastics 9,10,11; letterman's club 11,12; National Honor Society 11,12. **JEFF CARTER:** hockey 10,11,12. **LUCILLE CELORIO:** French club 11; NIAA Annual Art Show 1st place 11; two blue ribbon certificates of merit from scholastic art award 11; 1st place art show 9. **LEE CERTA:** class executive board 10,12; pep club 9,10. **TERRENCE CHASE:** choir 9,10,11; four 1st place ratings at NISBOVA 9,10,11; student council 10,11,12; varsity basketball manager 10,11,12; Vocalteens 12. **SHARON CHENTNIK:** FHA 10; French club 11; FTA 12; sunshine society 11,12. **JOSEPH CHRISTY:** choir 9,10,11,12; swimming 10,11; Vocalteens 12. **SHARON CHRISTY:** French club 10,11,12; yearbook 9. **DAVE CLARK:** choir 9; basketball 9. **MIKE CLOYD:** band 9,10,11,12; Spanish club 10; student council 11; student council pres. 12;

Thespians 11,12. **MILES COHEN:** baseball 11. **TRACY COLLINS:** band 9,10,11,12. **TOM COMBS:** swimming 10,11,12. **MARY COMFORD:** G.A.A. 9; newspaper 10,11; yearbook 9. **MARY JO COX:** G.A.A. 10; powder puff football 10; speech club 10; sunshine society 10. **GREGG DUANE CROWDER:** band 9,10,11,12; cross country 9,10; track 9,10.

D

BOB DANKO: letterman's club 10,11,12; swimming 9,10,11,12. **GARRY DANY:** swimming 10. **KATHY DAVIDSON:** FHA 10; health club 10; human relations 11. **DANIEL DAVIES:** wrestling 12. **LORI DEBOY:** girls basketball 11; powder puff football 10; volleyball 11. **LORI DEFOOR:** powderpuff football 10; National Honor Society 11,12. **PETE DEMITRAKIS:** baseball 9. **SCOTT F. DIETERICH:** hockey 10,11,12. **ANDREA DINATALE:** choir 9; FTA 11,12; G.A.A. 10; National Honor Society 11,12. **MARY ANN DINATALE:** choir 9; FTA 11,12; FTA treasurer 12; G.A.A. 10; National Honor Society 11,12. **KIM S. DOBIS:** choir 9,10,11,12; FTA 10,11; FTA vice pres. 12; G.A.A. 9; newspaper 9; pep club 9; student council 12; Thespians 12; yearbook 9,12. **SUSAN DOLATOWSKI:** FTA 11,12; G.A.A. 9; National Honor Society 11,12; Spanish club 10,11,12. **STEPHANIE DOYLE:** choir 9,10,11,12; FTA 12; National Honor Society 11,12; Pirateens 9; powder puff football 10; student council 11,12; student council treasurer 12; Thespians 11,12; Thespiian officer 12. **JULIE DUDAK:** choir 10; pom-pon squad 12.

E

JO ANN EICH: debate team 11,12; G.A.A. 9; FTA 12; National Honor Society 11,12; pep club 9; Spanish club 10,11,12; Spanish club secretary 11; Spanish club pres. 12; speech club 10,11,12; speech club vice pres. 11,12. **JOYCE EVANS:** choir 9,10; German club 11; play committee 10,11,12;

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prom committee 10; quill and scroll 12; Thespians 10,11,12; yearbook 12.

F

CHERI FARRELL: powder puff football 10. **MIKE FERYO:** football 10; swimming 9,10,11. **DARLENE FETKAVICH:** National Honor Society 11,12; powder puff football 10; prom queen candidate 11; student council 11,12. **KAREN FILEFF:** powder puff football 12. **KIM FLAUDING:** choir 9,10,11,12; G.A.A. 10; girls golf 12; powder puff football 12; volleyball 11. **MARTHA FOSTER:** band 9,10,11,12; pep band 11,12; reserve baseball statistician 10; letterman's club 12; powder puff football 10,11,12; play cast 10; student council 11,12; student council secretary 12; varsity girls tennis 11,12. **KIM FOX:** choir 9,10,11,12; FTA 12. **KATHY FRALEY:** powder puff football 10. **RICKI FREEMAN:** band 9,10,11,12.

G

ROSE GALIC: pom-pon squad 11,12; pom-pon co-captain 11; pom-pon captain 12. **SAM GARCIA:** choir 9,10,11,12; football 9; Vocalteens 10,11; wrestling 9. **KEITH GASKEY:** cross country 9,10,11; track 11. **MARY ELLEN GAVIN:** class treasurer 12; letterman's club 12; powder puff football 10; girls track 10,11,12. **LITSA GERODEMOS:** choir 9. **SHIRLEY GIBBONS:** choir 9; chess club 9; cheerleading 12; National Honor Society 12; pep club 11; pom-pon squad 11. **KATHY GOMEZ:** choir 9,10,11; G.A.A. 9,10; G.A.A. pres. 9. **ED GRABCYK:** National Honor Society 11,12. **MICHAEL GUBA:** chess club 9. **MARK GULAB:** baseball 9,10; basketball 9; cross country 9,10,11. **NADA GUSKA:** powder puff football 12. **TERRY GUZIK:** basketball 9,10; football 9.

H

CANDY HABERKORN: choir 9,10,11,12; cheerleading 9,10,12; class pres. 10,11,12; gymnastics 9,10,11; homecoming queen 12; National Honor Society 11,12; Spanish Honor Society 11,12; student council 10,11; Vocalteens 12. **PAT HALES:** Spanish club 10; student council 9; tennis 11. **JANET HANSEN:** band 9,10; French club 11; prom queen candidate 11; student council 12. **LAUREL HARPER:** choir 9,10,11,12; FTA 12; girls swimming 12; pep club 9,10. **LINDA HARTMANN:** band 9,10,11,12; German club 10. **JEFF HARTWIG:** cross country 12; letterman's club 11,12; track 11,12; wrestling 9,10. **PAT HASSETT:** baseball 10,11,12; AV club 9,10; chess club 9; debate team 10; class play committee 10; German club 10,11,12; human relations 12; letterman's club 12; newspaper 9,10,11; speech club 11; swimming 9,10,11,12; yearbook 12. **PAUL HAUSSMAN:** choir 9,10,11,12; Thespians 11,12. **CINDY HAVIZA:** G.A.A. 9; Spanish club 10; swimming manager 11. **LARRY HERZOG:** chess club 9; newspaper 9. **CHUCK HEVEZI:** golf 9,10,11,12. **KEVIN HEYLIN:** diving team 10,11; yearbook 12. **LESLIE HOZE:** choir 9,10; French club 9,10,11,12; Pirates 9; sophomore class play 10. **KAREN HUDSPETH:** chess club 9; track statistician 9. **MICHELLE HUMAN:** cheerleading 9,12; class executive board 10,11; gymnastics 9,10,11; letterman's club 10,11,12; student council 11,12.

I

GAIL IUSSIG: powder puff football 12; girls tennis 11,12.

J

LISA JANK: gymnastics 9,10. **JIM JANNASCH:** choir 9; golf 9,10,11,12. **JACKIE JAROSAK:** French club 12. **TERRI JIMENEZ:** French club 12; French club vice pres. 12; "Our Gang" 11,12; Spanish Honor Society 11,12; speech club 10; student council 11,12;

Thespians 11,12; Thespian secretary 12. **JILL JOHNSON:** yearbook 9. **KIM JOHNSTON:** cheerleading 9,11; gymnastics 9,10; student council 10. **BARBARA JONES:** choir 9,11; Pirates 9.

K

MARY KACMAR: student council 9. **RUDY KAPITAN:** swimming 10. **CINDY KEEN:** G.A.A. 9; girls track 10; powder puff football 10,11; student council 9. **JOHN KELLEY:** football 9,11,12; Jr. Hi-y 10; letterman's club 12; National Honor Society 11,12; wrestling 9,11,12. **NANCY KELLY:** band 9,10; library aid 9. **ROBIN KEMP:** choir 9,10,11,12; girls swimming 10; Thespians 11,12; Vocalteens 12. **KATHY KEOUGH:** choir 9,10,11,12. **BOB KEPshire:** homecoming committee 12; powder puff football chairman 12; prom committee 11; science club 11; stage crew 11. **DIANE KLAHN:** choir 9,10,11,12; Spanish club 10. **CATHY KLEPACK:** choir 9,10,11; FTA 12; health careers 11; "Our Gang" 12; pep club 11; science club 11; Spanish club 11,12; Spanish club treasurer 12; sunshine society 11,12; sunshine society pres. 12; Thespians 11,12; girls track 10,11; volleyball 10; yearbook 9. **BOB KLOTH:** choir 9; football 9,10; French club 10; track 10; wrestling 9,10. **JOAN KOLETTIS:** A.R.C. 9,10; powder puff football 10. **DEBRA KONARSKI:** A.R.C. 9; G.A.A. 9; powder puff football 10. **GEORGETTE KONTOS:** choir 9,10; class executive board 10. **MICKI KORAC:** powder puff football 10,11; student council 10,11,12; girls tennis 10,11,12; yearbook 12; cheerleading 12. **NICK KOTTIS:** chess club 9; National Honor Society 11,12. **KATHY KRAMPEN:** powder puff football 10. **DENISE KRAYNAK:** choir 9,10,11,12; FTA 11; student council 9; sunshine society 11,12; Thespians 12. **KAREN KROLL:** girls track 10,11,12; powder puff football 11,12. **CHRISTINE KRUZAN:** G.A.A. 9,10; pep club 9; yearbook 9. **DEAN P. KURTIS:** Spanish Honor Society 10. **DAN KUZMA:** baseball 9,10,11,12; basketball 9,10; Jr. Hi-y 10; football 9,10,11,12; letterman's club 11,12.

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L

JENNIFER LACH: choir 9,10,11,12; student council 11,12; Vocalteens 12.
TERI LEE: choir 9. **RICH LEFEVER:** production work on plays 10,11,12; Thespians 12. **LAWRENCE LILLY:** baseball 9,10,11,12; letterman's club 12; National Honor Society 11,12. **MARTY LIPKE:** baseball 9,10; basketball 9,10,11; football 9,10,11,12; Jr. Hi-y 10; letterman's club 11,12; prom king candidate 11; 2nd team all conference 12. **JOANN LIPSKI:** G.A.A. 10; German club 12; health careers 10,11; letterman's club 12; National Honor Society 11,12; girls track 10,11,12. **JUDITH LIPSKI:** choir 9; French club 11,12; FTA 12; G.A.A. 10; girls swimming 10,11,12; girls track 10,11,12; health careers 10,11; letterman's club 12; swimming boosters club 11,12. **MARY LIPTON:** FTA 12; girls golf 11; German club 10,11,12; National Honor Society 11,12; prom decoration committee chairman 11; speech club 10,11,12; student council 12. **CHRIS A. LOVE:** band 9,10,11; student council 9. **LENA LOZANOSKI:** French club 10,11,12; FTA 12; National Honor Society 11,12; pep club 9,10; powder puff football 10,12; sophomore class play 10. **CARL LUMBARKOSKI:** baseball 9; football 10; wrestling 9.

M

MARK MAGUREAN: football 9; wrestling 9. **KURT MARTIN:** basketball 9; football 9,10,11,12; swimming 10. **MICHAEL R. MARTIN:** hockey 9,10,11,12; track 9. **CHRISTINE MARTINEZ:** human relations 10,11; Spanish club 10,11. **PATTY MASSOW:** girls swimming 10,11. **GARY MCCLELLAN:** basketball manager 9; play make-up man 11,12; sophomore class play 10; science club 9. **KEVIN MCDONALD:** baseball 9,10,11,12; basketball 9,10,11,12; cross country 9,12; cross country captain 12; football 10,11; Jr. Hi-y treasurer 10; letterman's club pres. 12; student council 10,11. **JULIE METZ:** F.H.A. 10; French club 11; FTA 12; girls

basketball 11; human relations 11; German club 10,11; National Honor Society 11,12; swimming boosters 11,12; yearbook 9. **KIM MIHALICK:** choir 9,10,11,12; basketball statistician 12; football statistician 12; letterman's club 11,12; Pirates 9; student council 12; girls swimming 10,11,12; swimming boosters 10,11,12; girls track 10,11,12. **RICK MIHELIC:** golf 10,11,12. **MILAN MILIVOJEVIC:** German club 10; National Honor Society 11,12. **PATTY MILLER:** band 9,10,11,12; pep band 11,12; stage band 12; sunshine society 11. **PEGGY MILLER:** powder puff football 10. **KIM MILLUS:** girls basketball 12; girls swimming 10,11,12; girls track 10,11,12; volleyball 10,11. **STEVE MITCHELL:** basketball 9,10. **PAM MITTOS:** band 9,10,11; class executive board 10; girls swimming 10,11,12; girls tennis 11. **CYNTHIA MONYOK:** G.A.A. 9; pom-pom squad 11,12; pom-pom squad co-captain 12; powder puff football 10; Spanish club 9,10; student council 9. **BETH ANN MORIG:** powder puff football 10. **LEE MORRISON:** hockey 9,10,11,12. **EILEEN MURPHY:** choir 10,11,12. **DEBI MURRAY:** gymnastics 9,10; pom-pom squad 11.

N

CORY NAGY: German club 10; swimming 10. **PAM NEAL:** choir 9,10,11,12; National Honor Society 11,12; pep club 11; pom-pom squad 11; student council 12; girls track 10; Vocalteens 12. **TERRY NICHOLS:** football 9,10; wrestling 9,10. **ARTIE NUZZO:** baseball 9,10,11,12; track 9.

O

DEBBIE O'REAR: G.A.A. 9,10; gymnastic 9; pom-pom squad 11,12; volleyball 10. **CATHERINE OZUG:** human relations 12; Spanish club 12; powder puff football 10.

P

JOHN PAPPAS: swimming 10. **JUDY PAPPAS:** choir 9; girls swimming 10;

girls track 9; yearbook 12. **LINDA PARSONS:** human relations 11,12; pep club 11; play committee 10,11; Spanish club 10; student council 12. **KERRY PATZ:** choir 9,10; ARC 9; homecoming float 10,11,12; Pirates 9; prom committee 11; student council 12; yearbook 9; Indiana State University summer honors seminar 11. **STEPHANIE PAWLAK:** powder puff football 12. **SHELIA PEOPLES:** choir 9,10,11; class executive board 10. **WALTER PIECHOCKI:** basketball 9; baseball 9; German club 10,11; National Honor Society 11,12; swimming 10. **CAROL PLEVA:** FTA 12; G.A.A. 9; pep club 9; Spanish club 10,11,12. **CATHY POLASKI:** choir 10,11,12; National Honor Society 11,12. **RICH POLING:** football 9,10,11,12. **LYNN K. POSS:** pep club 9; pom-pom squad 11; powder puff football 10,12; girls track 10,11. **CATHY PROCHNO:** band 9,10; powder puff football 10.

Q

TONY QUALIZZA: hockey 11,12.

R

JIM RABICK: football 9,10; student council 11. **LIZ RADAKOVICH:** G.A.A. 9; pep club 9,11; pom-pom squad 11; prom committee 11; "Our Gang" 12; sophomore class play 10; class play 11; Thespians 12. **DAVE RASTOVSKI:** band 9; basketball 9,10,11,12; football 10,11; student council 12; track 9,10. **BILL RATHJEN:** baseball 9,10,11,12; letterman's club 12. **ROSALIE RECK:** G.A.A. 9; sunshine society 10. **MARISA DIANE RENDLEMAN:** choir 9. **LESTER RICHTER:** National Honor Society 11,12; science club 11; stage crew 11; swimming 9. **PATRICIA L. RISTER:** pep club 9; powder puff football 11,12; girls track 10. **NANCY ROBERGE:** choir 9,10,11,12; French club 9,10; G.A.A. 9,10; FTA 12. **SENA J. ROBERTS:** band 9,10,11,12. **LAURA RUDOLPH:** choir 9,10,11,12; class secretary 12; girls golf 11,12; gymnastics 9,10,11; pep club 11; pom-pom squad 11; powder puff football 10,11,12; prom queen candidate 11; student council

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10,11,12; Vocalteens 12. **MIKE RUSAK:** baseball 9; football 9,10; Jr. Hi-y 10. **MARY KAY RZETELNY:** German club 12; Spanish club 9; sunshine society 10,11,12; girls track 10,11,12; volleyball 11.

S

JULIE SAAVEDRA: National Honor Society 11,12. **SHEREE SARKO:** choir 9,10,11,12; choir vice pres. 12; "Our Gang" 11,12; Thespians 11,12; Thespian pres. 12; Vocalteens 12. **DAVE SCHAEZEL:** choir 9,10,11,12; football 9,10,11,12; letterman's club 11,12; swimming 11,12; track 9; wrestling 9,10. **LARRY SCHEUB:** cross country 9; track 10. **GEORGINE SCHMIDT:** basketball statistician 12; football statistician 12; G.A.A. 10; German club 10; girls basketball 10,11; letterman's club 11,12; National Honor Society 11,12; swimming statistician 10,11,12. **THOMAS SCHOON:** bonfire committee 12; swimming 10. **KAREN SCHULTZ:** pep club 9. **GREG SCOTT:** football 9; track 9. **MIKE SEARS:** football 9,10,11; Jr. Hi-y 10; letterman's club 10,11; track 9,10. **DOUG SEBER:** choir 9; Pi-rates 9; football 9,10,11; swimming 10. **KIM SEFTON:** powder puff football 11,12. **LYNN SHAFCHUK:** band 9,10,11,12; FTA 12; pep band 12; powder puff football 11,12. **DOUG SHARP:** band 9,10,11,12; chess club 9,10; National Honor Society 11,12; tennis 9,10. **BRIAN SHAW:** wrestling 10,11,12. **DEBBIE SHERWOOD:** band 9. **CHRISTINE SHOOTER:** choir 10,11,12; project awareness 10; student council 11; Vocalteens 12. **DAVE SMITH:** French club 11; student council 12; track 11,12. **JOHN SNELGROVE:** football 9,10,12; German club 9,10; letterman's club 12; newspaper 11; student council 10; track 11; wrestling 12. **SUSAN SOBIE-RAJSKI:** band 9,10,11,12; G.A.A. 9,10; powder puff football 11,12. **CONNIE SODER:** choir 9,10,11,12; letterman's club 11; swimming 10,11,12. **MIKE SOKOLOWSKI:** choir 9,10. **KATHY SOLICH:** band 9; gymnastics 9,10,11; newspaper 11; pom-pon squad 11,12; pom-pon secretary 12; powder puff football 10,11; yearbook 12. **CHRIS SOURONIS:** cheerleading 9; French

club 12; girls track 10; National Honor Society 11,12. **DAVID J. SPECHT:** A.V. club 9; chess club 9. **KEVIN SPURLOCK:** basketball 9; football 9,10,11; swimming 10; track 9,10; yearbook 12. **RANDY STANDISH:** wrestling 10,11,12. **MIKE STANIK:** hockey 10. **BRENDA STOREY:** cheerleading 9,11; class vice pres. 10; class executive board 10; football statistician 10; gymnastic 9,10; powder puff football 10,11,12; homecoming queen candidate 12; wrestling statistician 10. **CHUCK SULLIVAN:** football 9; swimming 10,11,12; wrestling 9. **DAVE SUROWIEC:** National Honor Society 11,12. **GLENN SUSS:** choir 9,10,11,12; track 12; wrestling 11,12; boys glee choir vice pres. 9. **JODI SYDES:** band 9,10,11,12; newspaper 11; pep band 11,12; girls swimming 10; girls track 11,12; yearbook 12.

T

RANDY TASEFF: golf 9,10,11,12; National Honor Society 11,12; National Honor Society vice pres. 12; student council 9. **CONNIE THIROES:** French club 10,11; powder puff football 10,11; girls swimming 9,10,11. **KEVIN THOMAS:** swimming 9,10,11. **SANDY THORSTEINSON:** choir 9,10,11,12; National Honor Society 11,12; powder puff football 10; Vocalteens 11,12. **SHEREE TIPTON:** choir 9,10,11; gymnastics 9,10,11,12; letterman's club 11,12; pom-pon squad 11; powder puff football 10,11,12; girls track 11. **PAULA TITAK:** gymnastics 9,10; pom-pon squad 11,12. **TAMMY TOMMASI:** choir 9,10,11,12. **LOUIE TRAINA:** basketball 9; football 9,10,11,12. **CHESTER TROCHA:** track 10. **CAROLINE TURMAN:** FHA 10,11; human relations 10,11; powder puff football 10,11,12; Spanish club 9; sunshine society 9,10. **MARK C. TURNER:** choir 9,10,11; German club 10; football 9. **LANA TYLER:** band 9,10,11,12; German club 10,11; National Honor Society 11,12; sunshine society 10,11,12; Thespians 11,12.

U

CHERYL L. UNDERWOOD: choir

9,10,11,12; sunshine society 11,12. **KEVIN UNDERWOOD:** basketball 9.

V

DEAN VALE: wrestling 9. **TOM VANDENBURGH:** basketball 9,10,11,12; football 9,10,11,12; homecoming king candidate 12; letterman's club 10,11,12; track 9,10. **CARL VARGAS:** track 9. **FRED VERTREES:** choir 9,10,11,12; swimming 10; Thespians 11,12; track 9; Vocalteens 12. **ELLEN VOSSOS:** choir 9,10; French club 9,10,11,12.

W-Z

LESLIE WAGNER: baseball statistician 11; gymnastics 9,10; pom-pon squad 11; powder puff football 10,11. **DENISE WAROT:** gymnastics 9; student council 10. **TONY WEBB:** band 9,10,11. **LEE WHITE:** band 10,11,12; football 10; wrestling 10,11,12. **PAUL WICKBERG:** basketball 9; football 9,10,11. **ANNETTE WILLIAMSON:** National Honor Society 11,12. **JEFF WILLINGHAM:** football 9,10,11. **TERI WILSON:** girls basketball 10,11; FTA 12; girls golf 11; human relations 11; National Honor Society 11,12; speech club 10; volleyball 12. **SUSAN WIRTES:** FTA 11,12; G.A.A. 9,10; pep club 9; Spanish club 10; speech club 10; SSS 11,12; SSS vice pres. 12; FTA pres. 12; powder puff football 10; Thespians 11,12; yearbook 9,12. **MONICA WIRTZ:** German club 11; National Honor Society 12; sunshine society 11,12. **ROBIN WITHERS:** French club 10,11,12; health careers 10. **BRENT WROBLEWSKI:** basketball 9; football 9,10,11; hockey 10,11,12; track 9.

LISA ZAGGER: band 9; Thespians 10,11,12. **BOB ZAJAC:** baseball 10,11,12; German club 10,11; letterman's club 11,12. **JAMIE ZEHA:** powder puff football 11,12. **FRANK ZIMNY:** hockey 11,12. **DEBBIE ZIRKEL:** choir 9,10,11; powder puff football 10. **JOHN ZORICH:** football 9; National Honor Society 11,12; National Honor Society pres. 12. **TED ZODUMIS:** football 9; hockey 9,10,11,12; student council 12; tennis 12.





O, how full
of briers
is this workingday
world!

William Shakespeare

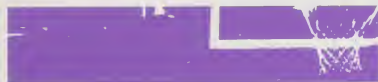
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of sadness
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but for the things
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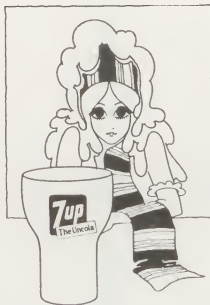
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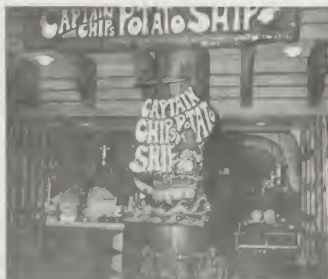
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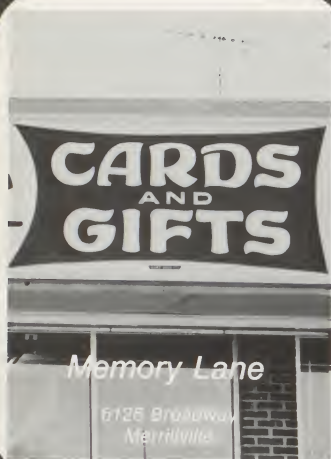
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